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## ACTIVE REVOLT: YUGOSLAVS ARE SEETHING WITH ANGER AGAINST ADHERENCE TO AXIS PACT

### German Radio Warning About The Entry Of Troops

THE PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA ARE IN ACTIVE REVOLT AGAINST THE SELL-OUT OF THEIR COUNTRY TO GERMANY AND THE COUNTRY IS SEETHING WITH DISGUST AND ANGER AT THE SIGNING OF THE AXIS PACT, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The Belgrade correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES states that 2,000 peasants, armed with pitch-forks and clubs, entered a town shouting protests.

Church leaders, young Army officers, soldiers, and leaders of the Opposition Party are united in presenting the Germans with an abrupt front.

POLICE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT. Leaflets have been distributed stating: "We will not lay down our arms. We want honour and freedom at any price."

### DE GAULLE ON VISIT TO CHAD

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, is visiting Chad territory where he has been able to see for himself the excellent morale of the army and the patriotic feeling of the troops and people in the territory, states a London message.

Gen. de Gaulle inspected the military organisation which has already proved itself in the capture of Kufra.

The Free French leader will also introduce a plan for economic development and the capital of Chad is already in the process of being transformed.

### WHY GRAZIANI RESIGNED

Official circles in Italy state that Marshal Graziani was relieved of his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Forces in Africa, owing to his ignorance in lightning war tactics, states a London message.

The Italian Press, on the other hand, assert that the resignation was due to his failure against General Wavell's Army, ill-health and injuries in the Abyssinian campaign.

### NAZIS TO MOVE CAPITAL

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The suggestion, that Herr Hitler may make Vienna his capital in place of Berlin if R.A.F. raids become heavier, is made in a Zurich dispatch to the NEW YORK POST.

The correspondent says: "The mass expulsion of Jews from Vienna is interpreted as a German preparation to move the capital to Vienna."

### ATLANTIC BASES AGREEMENT

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—An agreement for the leasing of Atlantic bases to the United States will be signed in London tomorrow (Thursday), it is stated officially here.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Cranborne and the Colonial Secretary, Lord Moyne, will be the British signatories, while the American Ambassador, Mr. J. G. Winant and three members of the United States Technical Commission will sign on behalf of the United States.

### H.K. RENT RACKET FAST SPREADING

(BY OUR STAFF REPORTER)

In nearly every claim for possession heard before the Courts the defence has invariably been inability to obtain suitable alternative premises—a defence which, in the light of the number of "to let" notices (in Chinese) one sees all over the Colony, appears exceedingly weak.

As any Chinese who has had money, or "key money"—but, in reality, squeeze money—is stated, the amount demanded depends on the rental and locality—the lower the rent, the higher the squeeze, but never below two months' rental.

Coincident with the introduction of this latest racket is the entire disappearance of "to let" notices from allegedly vacant premises, thus giving the impression—rightly or wrongly—of the small landlords working in collusion with the agents.

Following up one of the notices displayed near the Police Training School, a Hongkong Daily Press reporter found that a fee of 50 cents was charged by the agent—who, in this case, was an employed street coolie—for bringing the prospective tenant to see the flat advertised. This fee was not returnable, whether the premises were found suitable or

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### WAVELL'S NOTE TO PAPAGOS

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has sent a message to General Papagos expressing admiration of the British forces for the valiant Greek troops fighting in Albania, states a London message.

Replying, Gen. Papagos said that the Greeks would continue to defend the ideals of liberty and would not bow to any threats.

The latest Greek communique on the Albanian war reports patrol activity and artillery fire.

### BRITISH TAKE NEW POSITIONS AROUND KEREN

British Imperial forces have beaten back another Italian attack and have captured new positions around Keren, states a London message.

Many prisoners were taken, also equipment, according to a Cairo communique.

In Abyssinia, developments continue satisfactorily in all directions.

#### DIRECT HITS

The South African Air Force heavily raided the railway north of Dire-dawa on Tuesday, states a London message. Direct hits were scored on bridges and buildings.

### MASS PRODUCTION

In the United States contracts totalling \$205,000,000 have been placed for a further 137 cargo ships of the 200 planned on mass production lines, states a London message. Contracts for the first 25 were awarded a week ago.

### MR. MENZIES TO ADDRESS M.P.'S

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, who is in London, has been invited to address a meeting of members of Parliament, states a message from Sydney.

He also hopes to visit Canada and the United States where he will see Mr. Mackenzie King and President Roosevelt.

### NORWEGIAN FLAG ON U.S. WARSHIPS

In a speech, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, stated, according to a message from London, that some of the United States destroyers recently acquired by Britain were flying the Norwegian flag.

## Empire Air Training Graduates Will Drive Huns Out Of Europe

"I am confident that when they go over in the thousands these men will sweep the Huns not only out of Britain but out of Europe," said MR. C. G. POWER, the Canadian Minister for Air, according to a London message, when he explained that everyone of the 20,000 American planes being sent to Britain in the next 18 months will be manned by graduates of the Empire Air Training scheme.

Canada would send pilots, observers and gunners.

In Ottawa, there will be 83 schools for training, compared with 50 at present.

The armed forces would total 250,000 men in addition to 175,000 on reserve.

Canada was now paying the entire cost of three squadrons, Canada's war effort was described by the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, as wholly worthy of the country.

The House of Commons also approved a £250,000,000 loan to the United States.



"MADE IN GERMANY."

## ENORMOUS DAMAGE CAUSED BY R.A.F. IN BERLIN DISCLOSED

THE ENORMOUS DAMAGE CAUSED IN BERLIN AND OTHER PARTS OF GERMANY BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY was disclosed by an official of the Ministry for Economic Warfare yesterday, states a London message.

A report of the attacks which so impressed the people of Berlin with the realities of war was gathered from R.A.F. observation and other sources.

The heavy bombs dropped on the town penetrated to the underground railways besides blowing off the roofs of cinemas and other public buildings.

The debris took ten days to clear up.

Mannheim suffered most heavily and widespread damage was caused to installations all round the docks.

Shipyards were also damaged and shipping held up.

The damage to plants and engineering works at Mannheim is believed to run into millions of marks and work there will be affected for some time.

#### GREEN GOGGLES

LONDON, Mar. 26 (BWS)—British night fighter pilots are adopting every possible means to aid in the search of night raiders.

One device is wearing green goggles in a dimly lit room for a period before going out on patrol.

By this means, they render the eyes receptive to illumination so faint as to be invisible to ordinary sight.

### ENEMY BOMBER DOWNED

An enemy bomber was shot down in the Thames Estuary yesterday by a fighter, states a London message. There was no other air activity over Britain on Tuesday night.

## South Africa Determined To Stand By Her Allies

Mr. C. F. Waterson, High Commissioner for South Africa in the United Kingdom, speaking in London yesterday, said that Germany had made a miscalculation about South Africa in 1939 by trying to spread disruption in the country, but she had failed.

Mr. Waterson reaffirmed South Africa's determination to stand by her Allies until victory is won.

#### SMUTS' MESSAGE

A message from General Smuts, South African Premier, was also read at the same time.

Gen. Smuts said, "Now that the two democracies have practically pooled their resources the ultimate issue can never be in doubt whatever the trials that still lie ahead. We have a cause to sustain and inspire us and if we prove ourselves worthy that cause will carry us through."

## DANGER PERIOD FOR EPIDEMICS IS NOW PASSED

Sir Wilson Jameson, speaking in London yesterday said that the fact that nourishing foods were still available to the British people accounted for their continued good health.

"We have now passed the danger period for epidemics," he said. "There are fewer cases of scarlet fever than we have had in ten years and diphtheria is the second lowest for years."

"Improvement of shelter conditions and the fact that everybody was employed and had no time to worry about themselves were additional reasons for this position."

## A GRAND FEAT OF GUNNERY

"That was a grand feat of gunnery," stated Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, yesterday when he described a battle between a small British ship and a German submarine, states a London message.

The ship, with one boiler out of action, was making four knots, when it was attacked by the U-boat.

The British vessel brought her guns to bear on the submarine and hit her with her second shot and it is believed to have been badly damaged.

It is also certain that one or two more hits were made.

#### D.F.C. AWARDED

H. M. the King has approved of the award of the D. F. C. to Flight-Lieut. J. R. Perrin, of No. 3 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, states a London message.

## Today's News Summary

THERE IS ACTIVE REVOLT in Yugoslavia and the country is seething with disgust at the signing of the Tripartite Pact. The German Radio has warned of the entry of Nazi troops "to restore order" but adds that so long as there is no trouble the soldiers will not move in.

BRITAIN'S FLEET in the Mediterranean has been joined by the latest 23,000-ton aircraft-carrier Formidable. The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, has broadcast a message saying that all are in very good heart.

BRITISH RAIDS on Berlin and other parts of Germany during December and January caused enormous damage and underground railways were penetrated by heavy bombs. Mannheim suffered very heavily.

MORE POSITIONS around Keren have been taken by British Imperial forces, according to latest reports from the African war zone.

AN IMPORTANT speech on Britain's war and peace aims was given by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, at a

## New Aircraft-Carrier Should Be Formidable News To The Italians

Britain's latest ship, the aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. FORMIDABLE has joined Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's Fleet in the Mediterranean, and this should prove formidable news to the Italians, states a London message.

The Formidable lived up to her name by launching herself half-an-hour before time in Belfast in 1939.

A sister-ship of the Illustrious, the Formidable has a displacement of 23,000 tons and has 16 4.5-inch guns.

The Illustrious, it will be recalled, distinguished herself several weeks ago.

IN GOOD HEART Admiral Cunningham has sent the following message: "We are all in very good heart."

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# In the World of Sports

## WILDCATS WIN LADIES' CROWN DESPITE 13 FIELDING ERRORS

### V.R.C. Humbles Chung Hwa In Junior Pennant Decider

BY "R.O.Y."

DESPITE COMMITTING THE LARGE NUMBER OF THIRTEEN FIELDING ERRORS, THE WILDCATS won a 9-7 decision over the Canuckettes to regain the ladies' crown last Sunday. In the day's other championship decider, the Victoria Recreation Club trounced the disappointing Chung Hwa outfit, by the wide margin of 16 tallies to 3, to be the first to gain the Limlap Trophy, emblematic of the Junior Loop premiership.

Commencing the day's card, the Wahos slapped the Baby Panthers into the second division when they tallied 13 markers to the latter's 7, in a five inning fracas that was featured with three-baggers by Therese Noronha and Patsy Ribeiro and doubles by Aida Castro and Irene Castilho.

The Canuckettes-Wildcats tussle started off promisingly as the latter were retired 'in 1-2-3 order in the first two frames, but, after taking the lead with a marker in each of the second and third stanzas, the Canuckettes bogged down against a bunting attack to concede four counters in each of the third and fourth frames that put the game on ice for the opposing Wildcats.

Thelma Collaco started the fireworks with a single to centre and was pushed across the plate with dumps, by Dolly Brown and Virginia Chiu. The latter nighttallied all the way to third, where Dolly Brown was perched, to cause a general mix-up which ended in the latter scoring while Virginia returned to second. Virginia went home when Rosie Louie missed Irene Pereira's grounder to short

and Gloria Mar drove Irene across with a rousing double to centre.

#### 9 TO 4 LEAD

Mary Mar, Dolly Brown, Virginia Chiu and Doris Mar were the scorers in the fourth after which Irene Pereira counted in the sixth to give the Wildcats a 9-4 lead coming into the last frame.

The Canuckettes, aided by four Wildcat errors, reduced the margin with three runs but were still two tallies short when Mavis Chang grounded out to Doris Mar, to end the game.

Tail-enders in the Wildcat line-up, Dolly Brown and Virginia Chiu surprised by pacing the Wildcat sluggers with two hits apiece. Poor hitting in the pinches lost the Canuckettes the game as they had eight runners stranded to the Wildcat's two. Jay Wong having picked the lead out of her feet, pilfered the high mark of four stolen bases.

#### CHUNG HWA HUMBLIED

The V. R. C. found Chung Hwa hurler P. F. Choy's deliveries easy picking, when they connected for a homer, a triple, two doubles and five singles to humble the Chinese lads by 16 counters to 3.

The losers managed to connect for only three safeties, of which one was a three-bagger by Choy, off the speedy pitching of "Sonny" Jock Brown who won his own ball game when he clouted a round-tripper with the sacks loaded in the fifth frame.

Bimby Abong and Chuck Quinn topped the batting averages for the winners while veteran P. F. Choy garnered a similar 2-in-3 to pace the Chung Hwa hitters.

#### CYCLONES UPSET

Heavy stickwork by the Chinese Baseballers resulted in a 9-3 win over "Sunburn" Omar's Cyclones who were only able to connect for four scattered singles off the huriling of Denham Gray while the winners were belting fifteen safeties off the easy offerings of Cyclone Pinky Pineda.

Johnny Fisher and Nip Lum improved their batting figures both with three singles in four trips to the pan while Willie Wilson, Wally Ching, Denham Gray and George White were helping themselves to two in four.

"Sunburn" Omar himself came up with the fielding gem of the game when he froze onto Nip Lum's drive to centre, in a style reminiscent of Hank Ali at his showiest, and in addition to this garnered one of his team's four singles.

Apart from a well-timed double killing by Chuck Waggoner, Pete Fitch and Frank Crews, there was little of interest in the meeting of the Mohawks and the Canadian Chinese after the former had put the game in the bag with an eight run barrage in the very first frame.

The Canucks also pulled a double play when Bill Ing snared Chuck Waggoner's fly and threw to Luke Bun for the latter to nab Jos Morris in the sixth stanza.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

The various League standings are as follows:

## VALLEY TRAINING TIMES

The following times were clocked during training gallops held at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Dist	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
	tance	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.
Dutch Treat	1	31.3	1.01	1.31	2.02.2	31.2
Hughes	1	37	1.11.2	1.44		32.3
Viken Tor	1	35.2	1.08.2	1.38.4		30.2
Thirty Six	1	38	1.08.4	1.40	2.10.4	30.4
Starlight and Moonlight	1	32	1.01.3	1.29.2		27.4
Galveston Bay	1	32.3	1.04.1	1.38.1		32
Night Express	1	34	1.05.2	1.38.4		31.2
King's Flight	1	38.4	1.11	1.44	2.14.3	30.3
Daylight and Velvetlight	1	34.3	1.09	1.41	2.11.2	30.2
Distant View	1	34.2	1.08.2	1.58	2.03	27
Rose Emily	1	35.3	1.07.2	1.38		30.3
Rose Evelyn	1	34	1.09	1.40.2		31.2
Johnher	1	36.2	1.10.3	1.44	2.13.4	29.4
Avon	1	37	1.12.4	1.48.4	2.21.2	34.3
Santa Anita	1	34.3	1.08.3	1.38.4		30.1
First Love	1	33	1.04.4	1.35	2.03.4	28.4
Vis major	1	42	1.16.1	1.47.1	2.15.3	28.2
Jobor	1	30.4	1.01.2	1.31.2		30
King's Welcome	1	32.2	1.03.2	1.30.4		27.2
Gloaming	1	33.2	1.07	1.37.2		30.2
Red Feather	1	32.2	1.13.4	1.46		32.1
Vanity Fair	1	32.3	1.02.4	1.31		28.1
Prairie View	1	39	1.14	1.47	2.18	29
Ozark	1	36	1.10.3	1.44	2.14	30
Lovely Star	1	38.1	1.11	1.43.1		32.1
Hillsboro Bay	1	34	1.10.4	1.45.2	2.19.2	34
Lex Fori	1	35	1.09	1.41.2	2.12.2	31
A Blossom Time	1	37	1.10	1.42	2.14	32
Never Never and Corriedoc	1	38.1	1.13.1	1.48.4	2.17.1	30.2
National Welfare	1	38	1.12	1.44	2.13.3	29.3
Ronson	1	39.1	1.15.1	1.49	2.20.3	31.3
Surprise Again	1	40.1	1.15	1.48	2.15.2	29.2
Just In Time	1	28	1.00	1.33.2		33.2
Bendemeer	1	31.2	1.06.3	1.34.2	2.02	27.3
Mountain View	1	38	1.08.1	1.37		28.4
Saratoga and Joan	1	37.1	1.08.2	1.35.3		29.1
Man O'War	1	39	1.14	1.45.2		31.2
A Grand Time	1	36	1.12	1.45	2.15	30
National Courage and						
National Blessings	1	33	1.04	1.33	2.02.3	29.3

## ARMY CRICKET FINAL

### Sappers Dismissed For 145

The two-day match in the final of the Large Units Cricket Competition between Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units commenced at Sookunpoo yesterday when the former were dismissed in their first innings for 145 runs.

Sapper Bailey and Sapper Tropp scored 40 and 35, respectively. Dixon took 7 wickets for 41.

Small Units did not fare very well, having lost two wickets with only 15 runs on the board when stumps were drawn.

#### SOCCER FINAL

The final of the "Artillery Soccer Cup" between 20th Battery, R. A. and 30th Battery, R. A. which was to have been played yesterday, was postponed.

#### First Division

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.833
H. K. B. C.	11	3	.786
Indians	10	3	.769
Recreio Aces	8	5	.545
Cyclones	7	7	.500
C. B. C.	5	7	.417
Filipinos	2	10	.167
Canucks	0	13	.000

#### Ladies' League

Wildcats	13	4	.299
Canuckettes	12	4	.857
Wahos	10	4	.714
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	7	.500
Ramblerettes	4	10	.286
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Florinhas	1	13	.071

#### Second Division

V. R. C.	10	1	.909
Chung Hwa	9	2	.818
Recreio Aces	6	3	.667
R. A. F.	6	3	.667
Royal Scots	6	4	.600
Lila	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R. A.	3	7	.300
C. B. A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

#### Hong League

Wayfoong	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texas Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	1	4	.200
Greenpots	0	5	.000

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

CRICKET.—Final of Large Units Cricket Competition, Royal Engineers v. Combined Small Units. (Sookunpoo) 2 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships at H.K.C.C.

TOMORROW

MEETING.—Annual of the Lawn Tennis Association, at the Hongkong Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Recreation), Men's Junior Singles, H.E. Jones v. P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A.L. Fisher v. Peter Lo or R.M. Lavalle (7.45 p.m.); N.L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v. J. Hool or E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v. D. Chelliah or W.C. Chung (10 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, at H.K.C.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

CRICKET.—First Division: Recreation v. I.R.C. v. C.S.C. v. H.K.U. Second Division: K.C.C. v. C. S. C. C.

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Sing Tao v. Club (Club), 4.30 p.m. Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street), 4.30 p.m. Second Division: Engineers v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m. Kwong Wah v. Service Corps (Kowloon), 4.30 p.m. Police v. Sing Tao (Boundary Street), 3 p.m. Ordinance v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m. Navy v. South China (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m. Club v. 30th R.A. (Club), 3 p.m. Third Division: 24th R.A. v. Signals (St. Joseph's), 3 p.m. Air Force v. International (Chatham Road), 3 p.m. 7th R.A. v. 30th R.A. Military, 2 p.m. 12th R.A. v. Shell (Military), 4.30 p.m. 20th R.A. v. Medicals (Chatham Road), 4.30 p.m. A.S.A. v. Engineers (Kowloon), 3 p.m.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB'S Second Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

FOOTBALL.—Governor's Cup Competition, H.E.F.A. v. H.K.C. A.A.F. (Causeway Bay), 2.30 p.m.

HOCKEY.—5th A.A. "A" v. Police "A". Destroyers v. University Nomads v. 5th A.A. "B". C.B.A. v. R.C. Signals. Recreation v. Khalsa, 2nd M.T.B. v. B. E.

ORPHANS TO JOIN AVIATION SCHOOL

Twelve orphans from the First Cheong Cheong War Orphanage ranging from 12 to 15 years of age have volunteered to join the Junior Aviation School. They set out on March 17 for the school—Central (Hong Kong).

## FANLING HUNT POINT-TO-POINT

### LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON

The Last Point to Point of the Season will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, near Mai Po Brickwork.

The Course is a triangular one over 3 1/2 miles of fair hunting country. The Flags will be put up on Saturday previous to the point to point and Competitors may then walk over the course. Riding the course previous to the race is forbidden.

Tents will be provided for changing, one for Ladies and one for Men.

Hard hats are essential and any one not in possession of one when weighing-out will be debarred from riding in the Race.

Competitors who require lead must bring it themselves.

#### THE PROGRAMME

Race No. 1 (3.30 p.m.) for Bona Fide Australian Pony Hunters. Catch Weight 168 lbs. Entrance Fee \$3.00.

N.B. Should there be sufficient entries, this race will be run in two classes: division of class at the discretion of the Stewards.

Race No. 2 (4.15 p.m.) for Bona Fide Heavy Weight China Pony Hunters Catch Weight 175 lbs. Entrance Fee \$3.00.

Race No. 3 (5 p.m.) for Bona Fide Light Weight China Pony Hunters Catch Weight 150 lbs. Entrance Fee \$3.00.

Entries will be made in writing by 12 noon on March 27. Cash to accompany entries to—Captain J. G. Whittaker, R.A., 1, Garden Terrace, Hongkong.

Prizes will be presented afterwards at "The Hunters Arms".

### Y.M.C.A. WIN AT BILLIARDS

The European Y. M. C. A. beat the Royal Engineers by 7 points to 3 in a friendly billiards and snooker match played on Tuesday night.

Scores were:

BILLIARDS  
Y. M. C. A.—Terror 150, Jones 150, Eager 150. Total: 450.  
R. E.—Colonne 106, Davis, 80, Thompson, 148. Total: 334.

SNOOKER  
Y. M. C. A.—Sykes 82, Neubronner 65, Decoster 98. Total: 245.  
R. E.—Brannon 66, Mitchell 116, Currie 67. Total: 249.

### 30TH R.A. DEFEAT SING TAO

In a Second Division match played yesterday at St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, 30th R.A. beat Sing Tao by the odd goal in five. Hill (2) and Hillmeak (1) scored for the winners, while Cheong Moon-wing (penalty) and Shu Yau-sang scored for the losers.

Hole, at centre half for the R.A. was the most outstanding player on the field.

MATCH POSTPONED  
The Third Division match between 30th R.A. and 12th R.A. was postponed.

#### KWONG WAH WIN

In the Second Division of the League, at Boundary Street yesterday, Kwong Wah defeated Royal Navy by the odd goal in three.

### ROTARY CLUB CAMPAIGN

Some H.K. \$18,000 has been raised by the Hongkong Rotary Club from among its members for the purchase of ambulances and mobile canteens for China and Britain, according to Dr. Arthur Woo, President of the Club.

The goal of the Club's financial campaign has been fixed at \$25,000, equivalent to H.K. \$80,000. A part of the amount is expected to be raised on a Flag Day to be held on Saturday.

The H.K. \$80,000, when realised, will be divided equally for China and Britain.

## TITANIC TENNIS TUSSLE

### Pagh And Umetani Again Draw After 41 Games

After a titanic struggle lasting nearly two hours and after no less than 41 games had been played, M. PAGH and O. UMETANI again could not come to a decision in their singles encounter in the Open Tennis tournament yesterday.

Pagh proved the more aggressive, Umetani playing a defensive game on the baseline.

Pagh delighted with his deep drives down the lines but was reluctant to force the issue when, on many occasions he manoeuvred his opponent into a corner. He preferred to let the ball drop rather than to make a "kill," and, in several instances, ended these strokes in the net.

Special mention must be made of the fine display of the Japanese player. On two occasions Pagh was within match point but he fought back magnificently.

Both players showed good control in their driving, but Umetani was definitely the more steadier.

#### PAGH LEADS

Pagh, playing better than in the first encounter, annexed the first set 6-4, and then ran into a lead of 3-2 in the second. Umetani, however, drew level at 3-3 and went on to win the next three games to clinch the set at 6-3.

Pagh looked like settling the issue when he ran into a 4-1 lead in the last set but his inconsistency allowed the Japanese to draw up to 5-4 when Pagh lost a vital point. Thereafter each player, in turn, lost their own service game and with the scores at 10-10 a stop was called. Umetani seemed to be suffering from cramp.

With the score at 11-all the match had to be called owing to falling light.

THE RESULTS  
Results of other matches follow:

Open Singles: Fung Yee-pui beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; C. Dunne beat S. Goodman 6-0, 6-1.

Club H'cap Doubles: T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat Van Leeuwen and M. A. de Haan 6-4, 6-0; H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat W. R. Lambert and N. D. Lloyd 6-3, 6-3; E. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow beat J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Club H'cap Singles: R. E. Guest beat G. Campbell 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME  
Today's programme is as follows:

Open Singles: Fung Yee-pui or Kenneth Lo v. Paul Kong; I. M. A. Razack v. S. Y. Tong; R. E. Guest v. Pang Oi-lam.

Open Doubles: George Choa and A. V. Remedios v. O. Umetani and T. Imura.  
Club Championship: F. W. Carter v. M. A. Rierens de Haan.

### HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

WAR CUP  
Third Round, South  
Arsenal v. Westham; Cardiff v. Tottenham.

Third Round, North  
Barnsley v. Sheffield U.; Newcastle v. Middlesbrough.

Fourth Round, South  
Queen's P.R. v. Leicester.

Fourth Round, North  
Manchester C. v. Preston N.E.

LEAGUE, SOUTH  
Luton v. Southampton; Portsmouth v. Brighton; Southend v. Norwich; Watford v. Bournemouth.

SOUTH REGIONAL  
Crystal Pal. v. Fulham; Notts F. v. Stoke; Reading v. Brentford; West Brom. v. Walsall.

NORTH REGIONAL  
Blackburn v. Wrexham; Blackpool v. Manchester U.; Bradford v. Bradford C.; Burny v. Liverpool; Everton v. Chesterfield; Grimsby v. Hull; Oldham v. Huddersfield; Rochdale v. Leeds; Sheffield v. Burnley; Southport v. Bolton; Tranmere v. New Brighton.

REGIONAL MATCH  
Lincoln City v. Mansfield Town.

WEST REGIONAL  
Aberaman v. Bath; Lovell's Athletic v. Bristol C.

SHEFFIELD COUNTY CUP Final  
Doncaster Rovers v. Rotherham U.

SCOTTISH CUP  
Airdrie v. Partick; Motherwell v. Celtic; Morton v. Albion; St. Mirren v. Hamilton; Rangers v. Dumbarton; Third Lanark v. Falkirk; Clyde v. Queen's Park; Hearts v. Hibernian.

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#### CHOPIN ANDANTE SPANATO AND GRAND POLONAISE

Local Newsletter  
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.  
12.30 Variety.

Accordeon — Ma Petite Java (Castoncelli) — Gigetto Castoncelli. Impersonations—Florence Desmond at a Rehearsal for the Troops — Florence Desmond with Orchestra. Accordeon — Czaradas (Monti)—Gigetto Castoncelli with Piano. Comedian—Weeping Willow — Max Miller with Orchestra. Hawaiian Guitar Duet—Cielito Lindo (Beautiful Heaven) — Ferrera and Pauluhl. Comedian — You Can't Go Away Like That — Max Miller with Orch. Hawaiian Guitar Duet—O Sole Mio (O Capua)—Ferrera and Pauluhl. Vocal—It Don't Mean a Thing (Elington) — The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.  
1.01 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Terence Casey (Organ).

Once in a While (Green-Edwards) — Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. In A Clock Store (Ortiz); In A Bird Store (Lake)—Terence Casey (Organ). The Moon Remembered But You Forgot (Byron-Gay); Why Begin Again (Shavers and Others) — Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.16 Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite. Willow Moss — Moorish Idol—Fantasies—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

'La Boheme'—Yes, They Call Me Mini—Claudio Muzio (Soprano) with Orchestra. Tosca, Selection — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. 'La Boheme'—Lovely Maid of the Moonlight — Rosetta Pampalini and Dina Borgioli with Orch. Goodbye To Sweet Awakening—Rosetta Pampalini, Dina Borgioli, Aurora Rettore and Gino Vanelli with Orch. 'Manon Lescaut'—Intermezzo — Milan Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

#### Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor). Jealousy—Tango Tzigane (Gade) — Boston Promenade Orchestra. As I Sit Here (Sanderson)—Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch. 'Aida'—Ballet Suite (Verdi)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. Oh Maiden, My Maiden (from 'Frederica'—Lehar); Serenade (from 'The Student Prince' — Romberg)—Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra. Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms)—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.13 London Relay — Meet Uncle Sam.

7.30 Compositions of Friml.

'Firefly'—Selection—Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal 'Refrain. Regimental Song (from 'The White Eagle')—Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra. Song of the Vagabonds. Intro: 'Huguet's Waltz' (both from 'The Vagabond King')—Orchestra Raymonde. Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King')—Duet: Doris Vane and Harold Williams with Orchestra. Love Everlasting—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra. The Mounties (from 'Rose Marie')—Rose-Marie (from the film)—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch. Allah's Holiday — The Six Swingers directed by George Scot Wood. Indian Love Call (from 'Rose Marie')—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Some Welsh Songs.

Two Old Welsh Songs: Adieu to dear Cambria; Menta Gwyn—Evan Williams (Tenor) w. Orchestra. The Little Thatched Cottage (arr. Osborne Roberts); David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts)—Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 A Chopin Programme.

Tarantelle, Op. 43 — Alfred Cortot (Piano). Etude No. 7, Op. 25—Léonor String Quartet. Valse De L'Adieu — Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Piano acc. Mazurka in A Minor, Op. Posth. 67, No. 4—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc. Andante Splanato and Grande Polonaise. Brilliante, Op. 22 — Louis Kentner (Piano).

9.00 London Relay—The News.

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## COMING EVENTS

MAR.

27—Tides: 9.47 a.m. and 9.47 p.m. Low 3.04 a.m. and 3.09 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.21 a.m.; Sunset 6.37 p.m. Entries Close for April Meeting.

Macao Jockey Club. Lecture: "Keyboard Instrumental Music." Chinese "Y." Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Hongkong Club, Club House, 5.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong. Auction of Race Ponies, Jockey Club Paddock, 5.15 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, advanced course, Military Hospital, 3 p.m.

Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting, S.C.M.P. Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

V.D.M.A. Committee Meeting, St. Andrew's Vicarage, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's War Work (Medical), 10 a.m.

28—Tides: High 10.06 a.m. and 10.24 p.m. Low 3.34 a.m. and 3.47 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.21 a.m.; Sunset 6.37 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Games Evening, 8.30.

H.K. Benevolent Society Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co's Board Room, 12 noon.

Lawn Tennis Assn. Annual Meeting, H.K.C.C., 5.30 p.m.

Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, 5 p.m.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis. Annual Meeting of H.K. Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg. (2nd floor), 12 noon.

"At Home." University Great Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers, S. & S. Home, 9 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Club Anniversary Dinner, Gloucester Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs., 5.30 p.m.

First Aid Practical Lessons, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

"Way of the Cross" Catholic Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10.27 a.m. and 10.27 p.m. Low 4.04 a.m. and 4.27 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.20 a.m.; Sunset 6.37 p.m. Claims against estate of Rev. J. C. Mackay due.

Second Extra Meeting, H.K. Jockey Club.

R.F.C.C. Annual Dinner, Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Rotary Club Flag Day.

30—Tides: High 10.44 a.m. and 11.34 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 5.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.19 a.m.; Sunset 6.33 p.m. Joint Vocal Recital, Rose Room Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

## Refugees In The Colony

A decrease of 66 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded in the returns for the week ending on Mar. 22.

Urban Areas:

King's Park—1,316 against 1,311 on Mar. 15.

Ma Tau Chung—1,571 against 1,665 on Mar. 15.

North Point—1,528 against 1,531 on Mar. 15.

Morrison Hill—519 against 519 on Mar. 15.

Urban Areas (Squatters Camps): Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on Mar. 15.

Ngau Tau Kok—802 against 804 on Mar. 15.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin—1,793 against 1,797 on Mar. 15.

Fanning Children's Camp—321 against 319 on Mar. 15.

Total—10,407 against 10,473 on Mar. 15.

## FAST AND LOOSE

Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell scampers through one of the most hilarious mystery comedies of the year in "Fast and Loose," at the Majestic Theatre.

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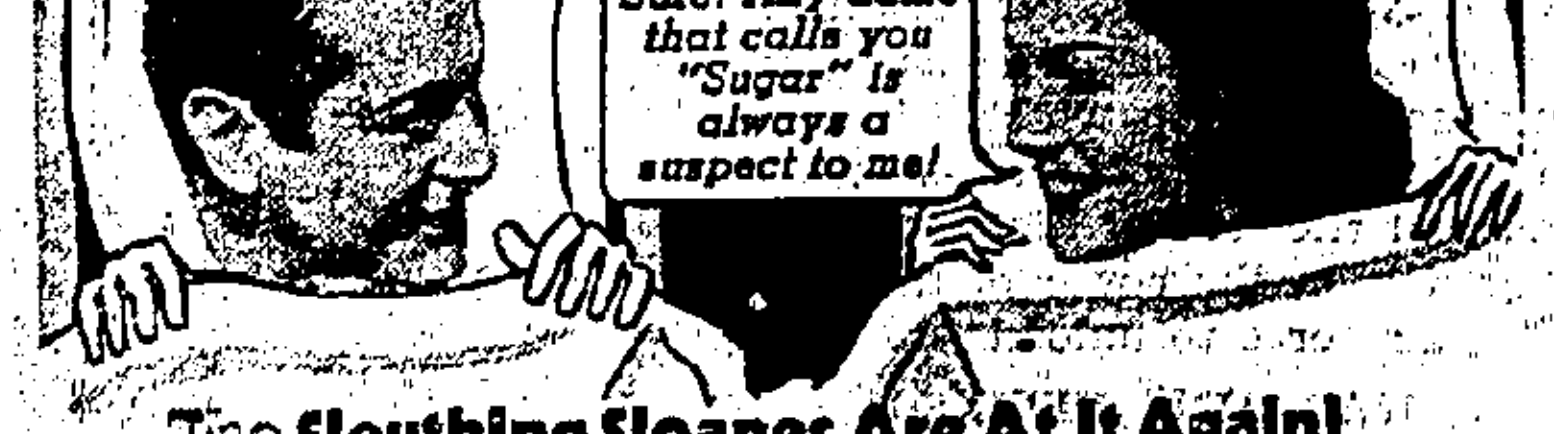
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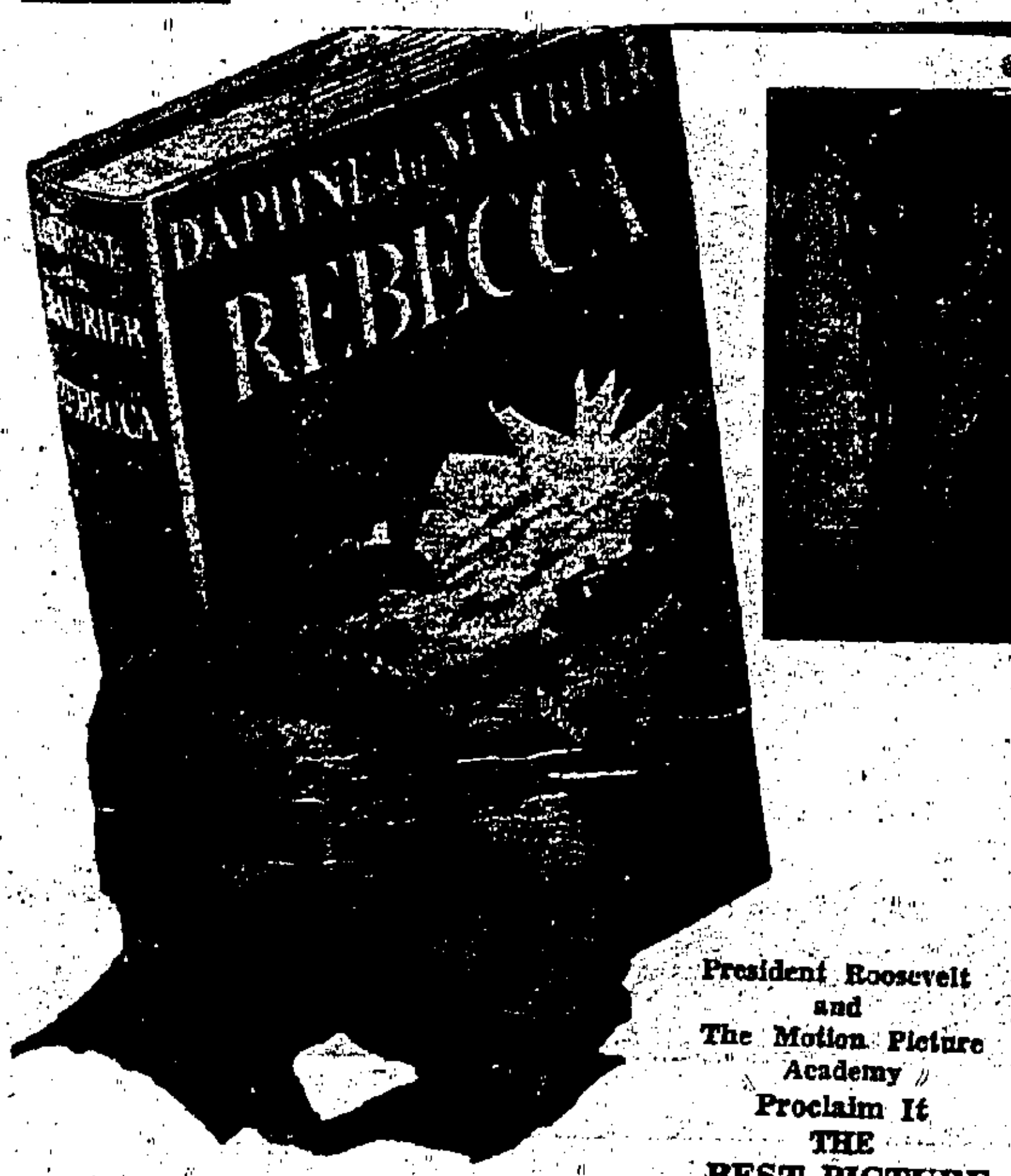
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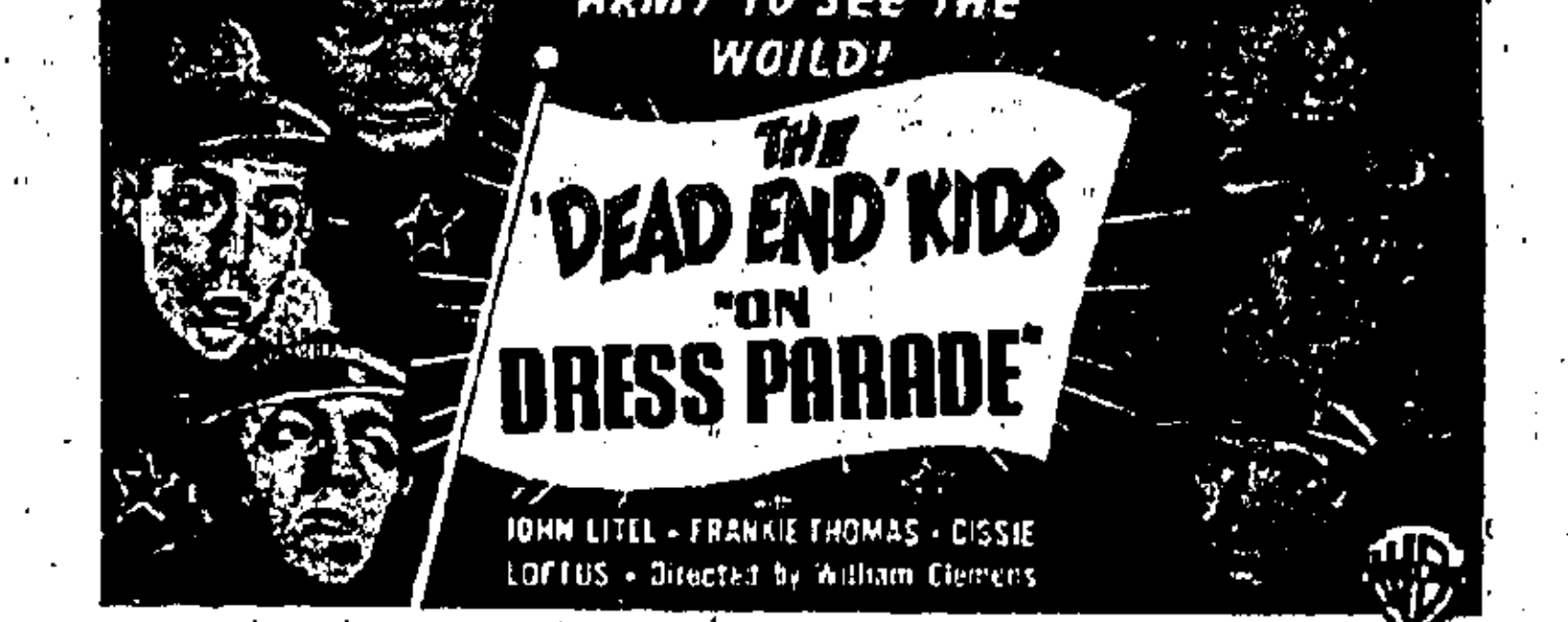
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## BRITAIN'S PEACE AND WAR AIMS DEFINED BY LORD HALIFAX AT PILGRIM SOC. DINNER

### BRITISH CLOSING IN ON HARRAR

#### Threat To Addis Ababa Growing Daily

CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—British Imperial forces thrusting westward from Jijiga in Abyssinia through the newly conquered Marda Pass have reached points within 20 miles of the important town of Harrar.

Operations in this area are stated to be proceeding extremely well. The capture of Harrar, which is without strong fortifications, would seriously threaten the Addis Ababa-Djibuti Railway and the town of Dire-dawa on that railway some 30 miles north-west of Harrar.

The Italian General Dessalumi is believed to have a garrison of between 12,000 and 15,000 men at Harrar and Dire-dawa.

#### THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA

In southern Abyssinia, the threat to Addis Ababa is growing daily as the Imperial forces continue to advance northward from Neghelli along the Italian-built highway to the capital.

North-west of Addis Ababa, Abyssinian patriot troops are containing some 18,000 Italian and native troops at Debra Marcos.

Meanwhile in Eritrea, fighting is going on with unabated fury in the hills around the Italian stronghold of Keren.

#### AIR ACTIVITY

The R.A.F. bombed enemy troop positions in Keren on Sunday from dawn to dusk, dropping over ten tons.

That night heavy British bombers swept over Tripolitania to attack shipping at Sirte and shipping at Tamet. Damage is believed to have been considerable although clouds made it impossible to see the details.

Slight damage was done by enemy aircraft which raided Malta on Monday.

### Washington Pleased

#### SOVIET ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—United States satisfaction at the Soviet assurance to Turkey, which is regarded here as an unprecedented move, was expressed by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles.

He told the press conference yesterday that "it was a measure of satisfaction to the United States when a great Power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intention of maintaining its comprehensive neutrality in the event of a neighbouring country suffering an attack."

Mr. Welles also indicated that the United States took active diplomatic measures in an effort to persuade Yugoslavia to resist the Axis demands.

#### CONTROL OF DARDANELLS

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Fear of German control of the Dardanelles is the motive of Russia's renewed pledge to Turkey, according to the Foreign Editor of the New York World Telegram.

He thinks that the undertaking is stronger than it appears.

#### POPE TO RECEIVE MR. MATSUOKA

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Mr. Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, will be received by His Holiness the Pope during the former's visit to Rome.

The German controlled radio, in making this announcement, claims that it has been confirmed by the Vatican.

#### CHUNGKING GOVT. APPOINTMENTS

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central)—The National Government, in a series of mandates issued yesterday, announced the appointments of Dr. P. W. Kuo to be Administrative Vice-Minister of Finance, Mr. Hwang Pai-tzu Administrative Vice-Minister of Interior, and Mr. Chu Yao-hsuan Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Dr. P. W. Kuo, well-known Chinese educator and formerly President of the Southwestern University in Nanking, is now in London.

## Common Bond With U.S. Sealed Anew By Passage Of The Lease And Lend Bill

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Britain's war and peace aims were defined by Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, in a speech at a dinner of the Pilgrim Society here last night as winning the war, preventing a repetition of such a tragedy and helping to ensure future prosperity justly shared.

Lord Halifax opened with a high tribute to the work of the late Lord Lothian for Anglo-American understanding. "The fruits of his labour stand today for all the world to see. He would not, I think, have wished any better monument." He attributed the steady drawing together of the thought of the two countries to the instinctive reaction of the two peoples to the challenge of the new philosophy of totalitarian dictatorship. As the struggle had grown more intense, reason and conscience combined to make them both realise even more clearly the dark menace to things equally precious to both countries. This common purpose was sealed anew by the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

"It is difficult to exaggerate what this means. Across the seas in the front line which is Britain, as in the hearts of those submerged for a time under the German wave, there will be felt new confidence; in the enemy camp, new doubts, as all alike will remember the history of the last war, and the time is surely approaching when the weight of this nation must tip the scales."

Lord Halifax defined the Nazi system as "bondage, bodily, spiritual, political and economic," and said that Hitler's "new order" would divide the world into Germans as the master race and the other nations as a second-class people with their rights and interests subordinated to those of the ruling caste.

For Europe, such a system involved the shackling of industry and commerce, ruthless compulsion instead of free contract, and permanent enslavement of all peoples. But the German ambitions did not stop at Europe.

#### HITLER'S DESIGNS

"Already Hitler is scheming to over-run great tracts of Africa and Asia. Across what now becomes the Straits of Dakar the invader of Africa, if he could once establish undisputed mastery of Europe, could swiftly pounce upon your Latin neighbours in the south."

"The American continent, as a standing challenge to German domination, could be attacked before it had time to arm in self-defence. In any case the doors of trade in Europe, Asia and Africa would be closed to it except on the terms laid down by Germany."

"Would Hitler attempt this last and greatest act of highway robbery? We cannot tell. Some will advance arguments against the likelihood of his so acting; he might indeed achieve much the same result without actual armed attack. Others may surely feel with greater force that where national security is involved, it is not enough to rely upon the disputed balance of probability."

Lord Halifax continued: "This struggle is a mortal clash of two philosophies and we only delude ourselves if we suppose that the civilisation that we share with you could survive a Nazi victory. It is not only with physical invasion that we are concerned, but with spiritual invasion which, if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive that it is in the power of the German air force to unload."

#### WAR AIMS DEFINED

Lord Halifax declared, "We will never accept Hitler's new order." He defined the principal war aim of Britain and her Allies as the winning of this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom, but he added that victory would be "Dead Sea fruit unless we could also achieve what must be the greatest peace aim of securing the world as far as humanly possible against a repetition of this tragedy. When this great battle was won nations which had preserved or regained their freedom would have a sovereign opportunity to show what freedom means and what it can do for the welfare of mankind."

It is not possible now to draw detailed plans for the future structure of the community of nations but we are already in a position to provide a basis where, on agreement, must be founded. Nations could exist in freedom and security only if they were prepared to co-operate for mutual economic welfare and if they had the mutual defence.

In the economic sphere everything depended upon such co-operation, but no party to such an association should be ambitious to dominate its partners. Every nation, great and small, will have its place and make its own contribution. Moreover past experience has shown that a stable international order must admit of ordered change in the relations between states. Just as the liberty of the individual must have regard to the needs of the community, so must every nation in the future accept its obligations to the general family of nations and be ready in both the political and economic spheres

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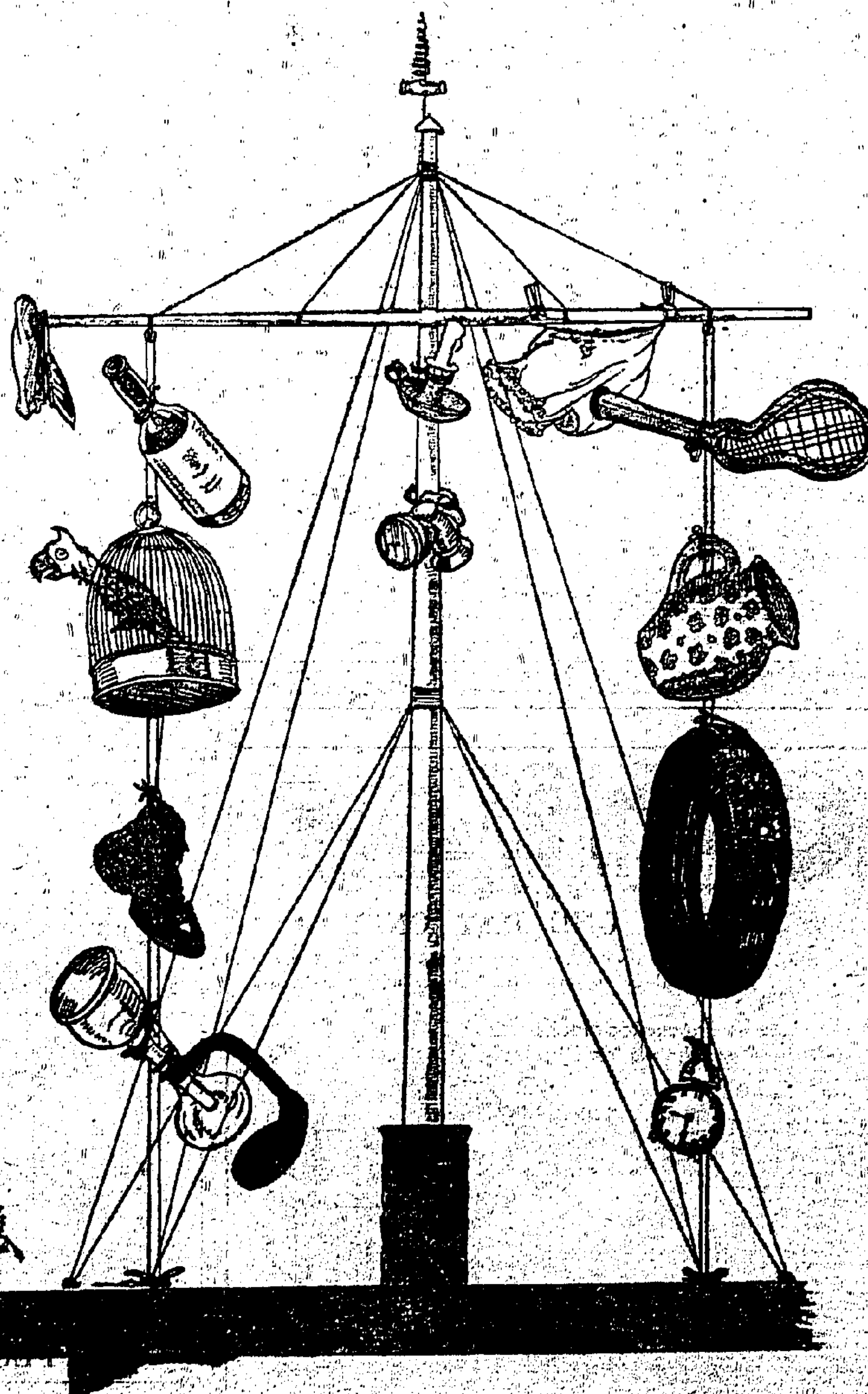
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# MR. KOBZA QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ON VARIATIONS OF HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER

## Cheques Counter-Signed By Secretary

When the Commission of Inquiry resumed its sitting, at the Supreme Court, yesterday morning, Mr. Eugene Alexander Kobza-Nagy, who was accompanied by Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, of Messrs. Deacons, was questioned at some length on the agreement entered into between Mr. R. A. D. Forrest and himself in January.

The Commission comprises His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. David Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo and Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary).

At the commencement of the sitting, Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that they hoped to be able to let the Commission have six copies of Mr. Kobza's statement but, owing to volunteer duties, et cetera, was unable to do so. Mr. Wynter-Blyth went on to say that if they had been present at the first sitting of the Commission they would have asked Mr. Pudney one or two questions.

In reply to his solicitor, Mr. Kobza said that he has been in Hongkong for the past 11 years, and that he first thought of taking photographs for the Immigration Office at the beginning of November.

### PASSPORT PHOTOS

After he had written to the Colonial Secretary he received a telephone call from Mr. Forrest at the Post Office to call there. On arrival, he was asked by Mr. Forrest and Mr. J. H. B. Lee if he knew how much the ordinary photographs' prices were for two passport photos, and whether it was possible to turn out a large amount of photos in 24 hours.

His reply was, said Mr. Kobza, was that to the best of his knowledge the price was \$1, remarking, at the same time, that for quantity work \$1.50 was too much and that 50 cents was ample. When asked if he could charge that price he replied in the affirmative, and agreed to set up a studio in the Immigration Office in Marina House.

When his appointment was approved by the Colonial Secretary on Jan. 13, he was asked by Mr. Forrest the following day to be prepared to open the studio on Jan. 18, which he did. He was later asked to open studios in the Depot, at Wanchai, and, still later, at Tai Po, Un Long, Shataukok, Lokmachau, and Sheungshui, in the New Territories. He was also asked to have mobile studios ready for the New Territories.

### 2,000 PRINTS DAILY

At the beginning, went on Mr. Kobza, he produced about 2,000 prints (4,000 photos) daily, but, in December, it came to a sudden stop. The cause was that certain agencies, which were opened with the permission of the Immigration Officer, had their tents approach people on their way up to his studio with cards stating that "such-and-such a company would do everything for a person at a lower

charge." He went to see the Immigration Officer and asked if he could "have some sort of protection as I had invested everything in the business and could not afford to lose."

He was told, continued Mr. Kobza, for the first time of the existence of authorised agents and was advised by Mr. Forrest to also open an agency.

"Shortly after that," said Mr. Kobza, "it seemed that Mr. Forrest had received information and proof that certain members of his staff were working with the agencies and that, though he was at first against any type of monopoly, he had suggested to Government the granting of a monopoly. He invited me to write in."

When the proposal was turned down by Government, Mr. Forrest told him that "the rackets going on must be combatted and invited his assistance, said Mr. Kobza. He (Mr. Kobza) put forward several suggestions, one of which was that he could not see why anyone could not do the inclusive job—that is, the clerical and photographic sides—for a dollar.

### CENTRALISE WORK

At the beginning of January, went on Mr. Kobza, Mr. Forrest sent for him and indicated that he would like to centralise the work in one hand, for the simple reason that he thought some of the agents have approached his staff with offers of bribe to expedite the issuing of permits. He was asked if he could act as "go-between" so that the agents would not go to the Immigration Office.

Continuing, Mr. Kobza said that the agreement was first mooted soon after the conversation, and was signed on January 22. Among other things, the agreement provided for the opening of a separate account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

He actually opened an account in the name of the General Agency of the Immigration Office, went on Mr. Kobza, but received a telephone message from the officer-in-charge of the Current Accounts Department (Mr. McClatchie) that his account would be known as Kobza Art Studio Account No. 2.

### ORDERED CHOPS

"I accepted this and ordered chops to be made," said Mr. Kobza. "I informed the Immigration Officer that the account would be known as 'Kobza Art Studio Account No. 2' and he was quite satisfied." All cheques paid in to the Immigration Department were drawn on that account.

Mr. Kobza went on to say that sometime in February he learned from Mr. Pudney that he was handling Government money. He went to see Mr. Pudney again, accompanied by Mr. Forrest, and they discussed the matter referred to by Mr. Pudney in his statement. "On Feb. 22 I went to see Mr. Pudney again. I told him that I was not seeing him as the Accountant-General but as Mr. Pudney. I asked him to tell me if I were doing anything wrong." Mr. Pudney, in that interview, asked him, said Mr. Kobza, whether he was in a position to put up \$2,000 as security. "He then asked me if I was in a position to put up \$5,000, and I said I could." Mr. Pudney, however, took no further notice of the matter.

### GOVERNMENT SHROFFS

He did not remember, said Mr. Kobza, whether he brought up the question of Government shroffs with Mr. Pudney, but he did so with Mr. Forrest several times. Mr. Forrest replied that that was impossible as he himself had not got any and could not, therefore, see how he could spare any.

He was, at all times, prepared to provide for security, if desired. For the past 11 years, went on Mr. Kobza, he had been employed by Government in a position of



Mr. Walter de Velder and his bride, formerly Miss Harriet Boot, who were married at the Registry yesterday—(King's Studio).

## KOWLOON TONG G.C.A. ANNUAL MTG.

### CLUB BUILDING TOO SMALL

The eighth annual meeting of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association was held yesterday.

Presiding, Mr. H. Gittins said in part:

In regard to membership we have a total of nearly 300.

The Club building is getting too small for our large membership, and we shall have to find means for extension in the near future. The same remarks also apply to the grounds.

Our tennis team did very well in both the "B" and "C" Divisions of the League. The Lawn Bowls team were not as successful.

In regard to badminton, it appears that a lot of interest in the League has been lost.

With reference to the financial side, the Club is in quite a sound position. We have been able to make a profit of \$1,194.45, which sum is transferred to the Reserve Account, and after paying off seven debentures, we still have 188 outstanding.

### NEW COMMITTEE

The following members were elected to the Committee from which the chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will be chosen:

Messrs. A. H. Basto, A. E. H. Castro, Chan Yip-cho, Cheung Yau-kuen, H. Gittins, Kwan Sum-yin, F. H. Kwok, Lee Kam-ming, Mok Lin, H. M. Siu, B. de Souza, F. W. Stapleton, U. S. Wines, H. F. Un, Wong Chak-nam, J. N. Wong and Peter S. Wong.

Mr. Wong Chak-nam, who was in charge of the Kowloon Tong School, proposed that the Committee be authorised to transfer a piece of land granted by the Government to the Association on its application made on behalf of the Kowloon Tong School, for the purpose of building a school.

The proposal was adopted.

ment property of extraordinary value in my custody."

The value of the equipment in his studio in the Immigration Office was \$10,000.

Chairman: Mr. Kobza, a few moments ago, apropos of your interview with Mr. Pudney you mentioned the question of having Government shroffs in your office. What made you think of that? I wanted to be on the safe side. I knew there was a certain amount of responsibility for the monies which the clients were paying and that was why I suggested having shroffs to handle the money.

But why Government shroffs? I did not mean shroffs employed by Government but approved of

## MISSIONARY MARRIED

Miss Harriet Boot, missionary, of Phillips House, Kowloon, was married to Mr. Walter de Velder, missionary, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, by the Registrar of Marriages, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday by special licence.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry yesterday:

Andrew Owen Devlin, L/Bdr. (A. C.), Royal Artillery, Gun Club Hill, and Miss Hui May-oi, of No. 14 Jordan Road, Kowloon.

Tsang Kok-chor, Chinese medical doctor, of No. 2 Fuk Ting St., Un Long, and Miss Lee Mo-ching, of the same address.

## SLIGHT ABATEMENT IN CHOLERA

Ten cases of Cholera were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ending on Tuesday, a drop of 16 compared to the Returns for Monday. Of the total reported on Tuesday eight were from the Victoria Registration District and one each from Old and New Kowloon and Aberdeen and Rural Hongkong.

Other diseases notified are as follows:—Chicken-pox, one case; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 10 cases; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 49 cases.

## CLERK ON EMBEZZLEMENT COUNT: \$30,000 INVOLVED

Further evidence was given before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday at the continued hearing of the case in which Wong Kin-fai, alias Wong Kung-but, 31, salesman, is charged on ten counts of embezzlement, fraudulent conversion and falsification of accounts of sums totalling more than \$30,000.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jun., instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo, appeared for the prosecution. Det-Sgt. E. Macvey was present for the Police, while defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

Wong is charged with embezzlement of \$5,000 on Dec. 28, 1939, then being a clerk in the employ of Chan Siu-wah and others carrying on "business under the firm name of Wing Shun, No. 19, Sai Yuen Lane, West Point; of \$237.25 on the same date; and of \$19,171.78 on Jan. 1, 1940, and three counts of fraudulent conversion of the said sums, which are alternative charges.

FALSIFICATION CHARGES The remaining four counts of falsification of accounts alleged that on Dec. 28, 1939, with intent to defraud, he omitted or encouraged in omitting from or in a daily clearance book belonging to the firm the receipt of \$5,000 from the Yuen Lee Hong firm; on the same date he omitted the receipt of \$237.25 from the same firm; on June 16, 1939, he made or encouraged in making a false entry in a daily clearance book purporting to show that the cash balance was

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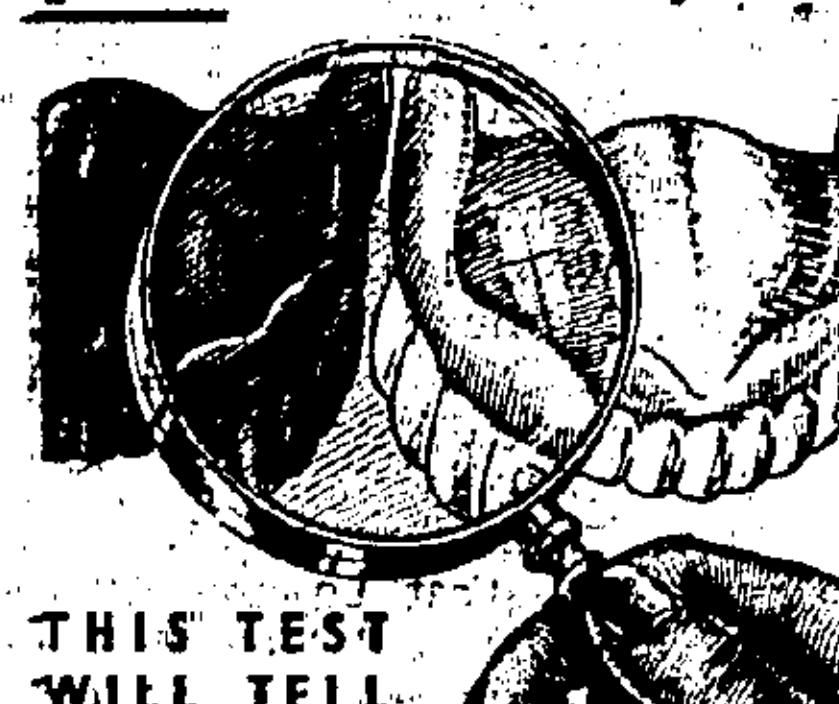
In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, there were altogether 75 traffic accidents as the result of which 2 persons were killed and 21 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a Chinese female, age 60 and a 7-year-old girl were knocked down and killed by a lorry and a tricycle respectively while crossing the carriageway.

Of 75 accidents, 37 were collisions between vehicles; 36 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 12 accidents were due to other causes.

"Is there an after life?" was the subject of the St. Andrew's Church Lenten Discussion held at the Church Hall last night.

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## HITLER FACED WITH MANY DIFFICULTIES DESPITE SUCCESS IN YUGOSLAVIA

"Herr Hitler has won a most remarkable victory over the politicians of Yugoslavia, but he will now face a most difficult position," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest turn in international politics as seen in Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact.

"By signing this document, the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia might keep his country out of war, but will he be able to keep it independent?" went on Mr. Bartlett. "It does not really matter, because when Herr Hitler wants the country he will take it."

**HITLER'S PROMISES**  
"Certainly, the agreement implies that the independence of Yugoslavia will be maintained, but that promise too does not matter to Herr Hitler."

Mr. Bartlett went on to express the view that Herr Hitler had never used his methods of preparation better than he did in the case of Yugoslavia. But even while the members of the Yugoslav Government were signing the document in Vienna, the people of Yugoslavia were discussing in every village their chances of fighting the aggressors.

Herr Hitler's difficulty would be with reconciling the people to this new situation, because the greater part of the population were Serbs, who since the last war had been enemies of Germany.

"Herr Hitler has hesitated a long time before deciding to march down the Struma Valley," said Mr. Bartlett. "I am, of course, speaking without an actual knowledge of the terms the Belgrade Government has accepted, but that does not really matter. In the present circumstances it must be looked upon as a prelude to an attack on Greece."

**IMPRESSIVE FEATURE**  
"All Yugoslavia, including the Prime Minister, must know that although the agreement only grants permission to Germany to send hospital supplies, it really means that permission has been given to send an army across the country."

An impressive feature of the whole business has been the behaviour of the Serbs and the Croats. They have shown a strong desire to maintain their independence. The strongest protests have come from the Serbs and the weakest from the Croats."

Mr. Bartlett pointed out that this was because the Yugoslav army was mostly composed of Serbs and if Yugoslavia had resisted the Germans, they would have done most of the fighting in the mountains of Serbia.

"It is through these mountains that Herr Hitler hopes to

send his army to attack Greece," said Mr. Bartlett, who stated that the Serbs had never had any exaggerated respect for the Central Government of Yugoslavia. Even the most ordinary Serbs would feel deeply humiliated by what had now happened to the country.

**THREAT TO GREECE**  
"In the midst of all this, the Greeks have been celebrating their Independence Day," continued Mr. Bartlett. "That independence is now threatened by a second-rate power—Italy, but at any moment now the Germans may join the Italian troops."

"It is, as I said at the beginning of this talk, a remarkable tribute to Herr Hitler's beastly methods that he was able to secure the submission of Yugoslavia, but there are various aspects of the Balkans which we must not forget."

"There is a great difference between the Yugoslav Government and the people there. Most of the army is composed of Serbs and there is no reason to believe that these Serbs will be easily disciplined by the Germans."

Mr. Bartlett expressed the opinion that Herr Hitler's Fifth Column had done their work very well to bring about this new agreement between Yugoslavia and the Axis.

"There is a further point," continued Mr. Bartlett. "We don't know yet how far the Yugoslav Government will be able to deal with unrest in the country if it should break out before Herr Hitler can send his so-called hospital supplies across."

**YOUNG KING**  
Referring to the young King of Yugoslavia, Mr. Bartlett declared Prince Paul, the Regent, had been anxious to keep himself in the background during these latest developments and the question was now whether the young King would receive his heritage intact.

"However, I will not say that Yugoslavia is entirely lost until the Nazis are within Belgrade," said Mr. Bartlett.

"Then we must also remember the effect of the Russian-Turkish arrangement. It is stated that they kept this arrangement secret until after Yugoslavia had signed on the dotted line. The official communique which explains that there is a complete understanding between the two countries should Turkey be involved in the war, is of vital importance."



Mr. Wong Yip-ku and his bride, formerly Miss Chung Shu-ching.—(King's Studio).

## Relief Aids 25,548,439 In China

Between May, 1938, and December, 1940, a total of 25,548,439 people were aided by the national and provincial relief organisations and public charitable bodies, according to official statistics of the National Relief Commission.

Of the total, 7,093,759 people were aided by the different regional relief offices established by the commission, 1,713,699 were given transportation and other facilities by the refugee relief centres at key cities, 8,447,750 received help from the provincial relief organisations and 8,162,778 were assisted by public charitable and welfare bodies.

In addition, 130,453 people were aided by the joint offices of air raid relief in the provinces, cities and hsiens of Free China. Of the 25,548,439 people 21,805,790 were benefited between May, 1938, and December, 1939, and only 3,742,649 were aided during 1940.

Of the 8,447,750 people aided by provincial relief organisations, 1,224,947 were in Hupeh province, 1,083,150 in Kiangsu, 728,050 in Kiangsi and 630,758 in Anhwei. The figures also show that 580,000 were cared for in Nanking, 421,500 in Shanghai and 14,748 in Hongkong and Macao.

### NEW COLONIES

In addition to national and provincial appropriations for land reclamation projects in Free China, the commission has given \$3,205,544 during the same period to help forming new colonies. By far the largest single appropriation of the commission amounting to \$1,200,000, was given to the reclamation colony near Kwailin, Kwangsi province. The colony, with an area of 119,300 mow, can support 6,480 refugees.

Altogether, the commission has assisted seventeen reclamation regions having a total area of 7,500,000 mow. These regions can support 1,000,000 settlers and are located mainly in Shensi, Kiangsi, Fukien, Hunan, Honan, Kwangsi, Hupeh and Szechuan. All except three of the projects are administered by provincial organisations or private interests with subsidies from the commission.

Two of the three national government land reclamation projects are in Shensi province, while the third one is near Chungking. The Huanglungshan project in Shensi, which has an area of 4,428,198 mow and can support 630,056 refugee-farmers, is the largest of all. The other Shensi project, known as the Liping reclamation area, has 24,000 mow, enough for 8,000 settlers. The Model New Reclamation Village near Chungking is built under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Welfare. The commission has given \$35,604 to this project.—(Central News).

## Laughlin Currie's 2-Point Proposal For Aid To China

WASHINGTON, March 26 (Reuter)—First reports claiming some inside knowledge of Mr. Laughlin Currie's report to President Roosevelt on Free China appeared in press yesterday. Mr. Currie is known as one of President Roosevelt's assistants "with a passion for anonymity," to which might also be added silence.

For the effectiveness of China's proposed counter-offensive he is said to have made two points.

Firstly, the Japanese in China are in far worse state of exhaustion and demoralisation than is generally assumed in Washington.

Secondly, Flying Fortresses could drop incendiary bombs on Japan's concentrated paper and matchwood industries.

## Yugoslavia Revolt

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There was no cheering and no platform speeches.

**"EVERYTHING IN ORDER"**  
LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—"Now everything is in order," said the Yugoslav Prime Minister on returning to Belgrade today after signing the Axis Pact.

The official German News Agency, reporting this, says that M. Markovitch was with him when the diplomatic representatives of the other Axis Powers staged a welcome.

### GAGGED AND BOUND

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Yugoslavia has been delivered by a timid and temporising Government gagged and bound into the hand of the Nazi despotism. That is the short meaning of the ceremony of initiation into the Tripartite Pact, says the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The possibility of spontaneous revolts cannot be ruled out even now, but the most they would likely achieve would be to give Herr Hitler the pretext he seeks for marching in to "restore order." The example of Rumania was there to show that a tame submission offers no escape from servitude, while the example of Greece proved that a resolute resistance can bring glory as well as danger and suffering.

M. Tsvetkovitch, the Premier, ignored, as he ignored Britain's assurance, that she is not without ways and means of rendering formidable succour.

He placed his country at the disposal of the Germans for a stab in the back of the friendly neighbour to the south. If and when the dastard thrust comes, the Greeks will parry it with the same dauntless courage which has already humbled Signor Mussolini in Albania.

### FATE OF GREECE

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Japanese newspapers appear to assume that the signing of a truncated version of the Axis Pact by Yugoslavia has settled the fate of Greece.

Developing this theme, the HOCHI SHIMBUN foresees Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini achieving their objective of making the Mediterranean an "Axis pond."

According to the Domei Agency, other sections of the Japanese Press aver that one sequel will be the adherence of all the other Balkan States to the Pact.

An outspoken statement by the Turkish Foreign Minister, in reference to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact, was made yesterday, states a London message.

He said, "In spite of Turkey's endeavour for peace outside danger has now penetrated to our zone of security. The road to be followed by the Turkish nation is clearly defined."

## Great Chapters In Military History: Lord Croft Lifts The Curtain On African Campaign

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The British Army continues to break records upon which the curtain has been lifted further by Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, in the House of Lords. He had a special word for the Home Guard—"probably the least expensive force in history"—which frees the mobile army to strike wherever necessary from Lofoten to Jijiga.

Without the Home Guard, military commanders could not have risked sending vital reinforcements in men and weapons to smash the Italian army in Africa in the nick of time. Lord Croft then made new disclosures regarding the African campaigns. Despite the peril of invasion we parted with fine troops and first class equipment to meet the menace to Egypt and our vital communications with the east.

It is the longest distance ever covered by an army in history to reach a major theatre of war—it was an immense naval and military undertaking in submarine-infested oceans. Today it is permissible to mention that we have placed in safe custody in our prison camps a far larger number of the enemy than all the forces at General Wavell's disposal in the sombre month of last June, said Lord Croft.

He then described in graphic detail successive British onslaughts along the Libyan coast delivered at incredible speed against a well-entrenched army with every modern weapon of defence until the climax in early February when the Army of the Nile, 660 miles from its base, pinched out Benghazi and blocked the retreat of all the remaining enemy.

With a speed never equalled, with an endurance surely remarkable, with a perfection of timing, surprise, initiative and a crescendo of pace, the Army had now won a glorious succession of victories which heartens every free man and gives him faith in morale over numbers and in the superiority of the British fighting men over the enemies.

### IMMENSE DISTANCES

Regarding the events in the great series of offensives against the Italian East African Empire, Lord Croft emphasised the immense distances involved and said: "Imagine a vast clock of 4,300 miles in circumference, with the centre 200 miles south-east of Addis Ababa, with lightning bolts struck from 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 and last week, from two o'clock."

After a description of the operations in Eritrea culminating in the occupation of the strategically important town of Negheili, Lord Croft said: "It was worth a Marquisate to Graziani and we congratulate ourselves on its capture."

Farther to the east, the dramatic offensive was initiated by troops of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, the King's African Rifles and the Union of South Africa under General Cunningham, who was starting with high velocity from the Indian Ocean and seemed anxious to spend Easter with his famous brother, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean.

This column, having swept right through Italian Somaliland, is now 300 miles over the Abyssinian border and is rapidly approaching Harar and threatening the Djibuti railway. Its advance 770 miles from the Kenya frontier and 1,000 miles from the railroad must surely be a world record of distance in such astonishing time. With great rapidity and at almost no expense in casualties, forces of the Indian Army on one flank and Somalis and Arabs on the other, recaptured the capital of British Somaliland after a surprise amphibious attack.

### ALI-BRITISH AREA

Whereas six weeks ago British and Italian Somaliland were all British, today this great area is all British.

Our casualties in all the African fighting are surprisingly small totalling up to February 23, 2,966 of which number happily only 604 were killed whilst we inflicted over 200,000 casualties on the enemy including the capture of 180,000 prisoners.

These campaigns have been truly imperial and troops of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, African colonies and the Sudan, with British guardsmen and infantry, Scots, Welsh, many Irish and also divisions from India have, with the Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers written great fresh chapters into British military history.

Egypt has been saved; the Suez Canal will not be Italian; another 600 miles of the shores of the "Italian lake" have passed into British care. The Italian hold on Abyssinia is becoming increasingly precarious and Signor Mussolini's dreams have become the nightmare of Italy.

Soldiers of the British Empire now stand braced, hardened, ex-

## WORLD'S RAREST STAMP

The world's rarest stamp, the only known copy of British Guiana's 1-cent magenta of 1856, listed in the Standard Stamp Catalogue as being worth \$50,000 was recently sold in New York by Mrs. Anna Hind Scala of Utica, N.Y., to R. H. Macy & Co., New York City department store, which operates a stamp department.

Macy's admitted the fact that the purchase was made on behalf of a client, but refused to disclose the price paid to Mrs. Scala. From a source considered reliable it was learned that Mrs. Scala received a cheque for \$40,000 when she brought the stamp from Utica and surrendered it to Macy's.

The firm received also, from Gordon Harmer, of Harmer, Rooke & Co., Ltd., London stamp dealers, the certificate issued by Great Britain's Royal Philatelic Society attesting to the genuineness of the stamp.

The late Arthur Hind bought the stamp for about \$32,500 at the French Government's auction of the famous Ferrary collection at Paris in 1921.

### SPECIAL SENTIMENT

The identity of the collector who acquired the rarity was not immediately disclosed. For the "world's rarest stamp" to be in possession of a person who might desire to maintain continued anonymity will not be relished by philately, which has a special sentiment about this British colonial item, which King George V once aspired to acquire for the Royal collection.

The new owner has been informed of this but has reiterated his intention of keeping his identity a secret for the present. He refused permission for the stamp to be exhibited either at Macy's or the New York World's Fair and instructed Macy's that it be kept in a vault for the time being.

This new owner of the world's rarest stamp is understood to be an Australian, but it is said that he has no intention of taking the stamp back with him at this time.

In response to inquiries it was explained that if property of such value were taken to Australia while the Dominion was at war it would not be possible to take the stamp out of Australia for the duration of the war and indeed it might be subject to seizure during an emergency, and for that reason the owner preferred to let the stamp stay in the States until the European conflict ends.

## FUTURE INDIAN ADMIRALS

Four hundred and sixty-eight Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of them will move out immediately after 18 months' intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless.

Fresh batches are constantly being taken.

## SOVIET-TURKISH UNDERSTANDING

ANKARA, March 26 (Reuter)—Reports published abroad that the Soviet-Turkish understanding recently reached provides for Soviet assistance to Turkey if she is attacked by Germany, are not confirmed here.

Most that can be said is that it is believed if Turkey were attacked by Germany she would, in Soviet's view, not be fighting the Imperialist war but would be fighting to maintain her independence.

She might, therefore, be regarded as in the same position as China with all that that would imply. The Soviet has been one of the

chief suppliers of war materials to General Chiang Kai-shek's regime in its war against Japan.

### CRITICAL TIME

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The joint Turko-Soviet declaration featured prominently in the Chinese Press this morning, several emphasising the importance of the statement.

The influential TAKUNGPAO declares that at a critical time in Turkish history, Turkey has received assistance from the Soviet, whose action indicates Soviet preparedness against the extension of German influence into the Near East, thereby threatening interests of the Soviet.

Commenting on the Yugoslav adherence to the Tripartite Pact, the Takungpaop declared: "For the nation's helpless position we are not critical, only sympathetic."

### ATTITUDES DIFFER

ANKARA, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The attitude of the Soviet and Turkey towards the belligerents differs, says the newspaper ULUS.

As a result, propagandists have tried to create trouble between them but the Soviet declaration that the U.S.S.R. will do nothing to "arm" Turkey if Turkey's relations with a third Power grow rapidly worse shows that whatever their policy in the West, both Turkey and the U.S.S.R. want peace in the East and any extension of war in this area is against their common interests.

## AN ACT OF VIOLENCE IN DENMARK

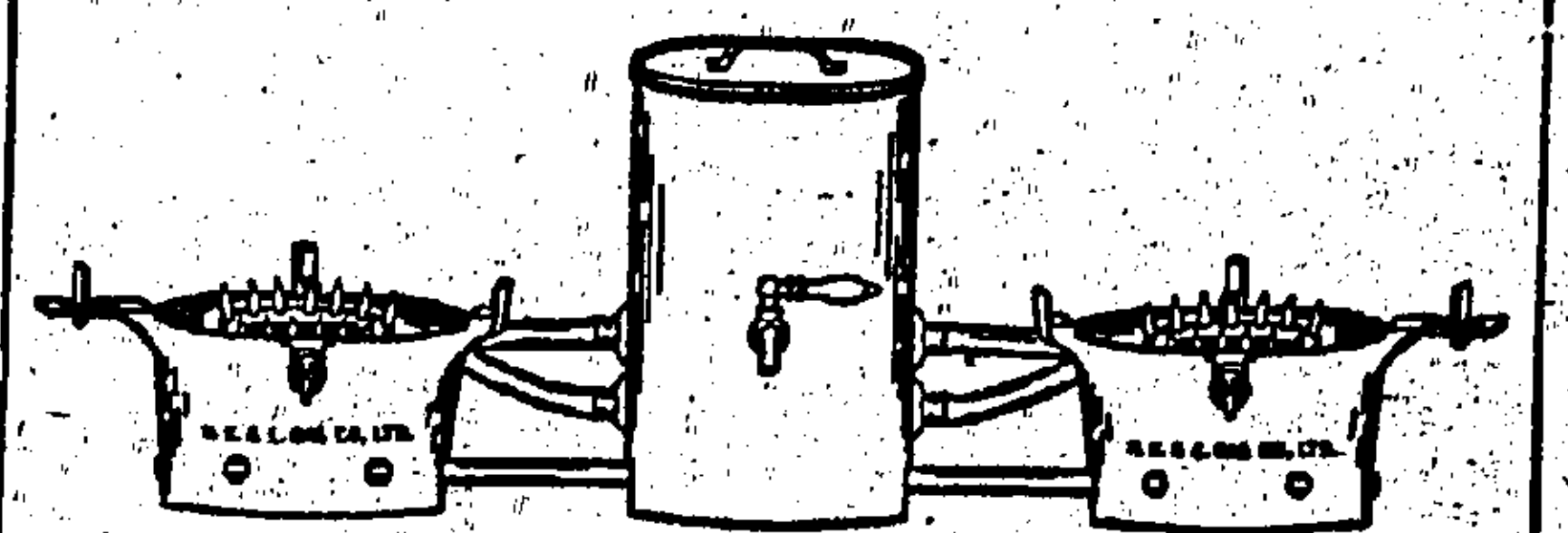
A grave violation of the national honour of Denmark was committed only a few days ago when the Danes were pressed to turn their fleet of torpedo boats over to the German navy.

When the Danish Cabinet protested against this circumvention of promises made at the time of occupation, the Germans lost patience and simply took the torpedo boats.

"It is," says the Svensk Socialdemokraten Swedish newspaper, "fresh evidence of an alarming lack of understanding by the Germans of the honour and sense of obligation which is ingrained in the very heart and soul of the Nordic peoples. We never expected anything like this from a victorious nation like Germany."

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 26, 1941.

On London—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai—	
On demand	450
On Singapore—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan—	
On demand	102 1/2
On India—	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 1/2
On demand	
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	93 1/2

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, Mar. 26.  
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.  
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

## MARKET

Quiet.

## STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near, probably May, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Erratic. Opened with sellers at 46 1/2 with business done at 46 1/4 and 46 1/2. The Market closed with sellers at 46 3/4, buyers at 46 1/4.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 7/8 and then steadied up to 3 15/16. The market closed with sellers at 3 7/8 for Spot, U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 9/32 and closed with sellers at 5 1/4 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 26 (Reuters).

## Official T.T. Rate

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	5-1/8
New York	21-3/4	17-1/4
Japan	17-1/4	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4	

## Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32
Mar.	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32
Apr.	0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64

## U.S. Dollars

	Spot	5-1/4	5-1/4
Spot	\$5-1/4	\$5-1/4	
Mar.	5-1/4	5-1/4	
Apr.	5-1/4	5-1/4	

Market—Quiet.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-15-0.

## LONDON METALS

London, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, \$273-3/4.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, \$270-3/4.

Market steady with fair general buying and with a steady East and moderate United States interest. Sales of near options are believed to be on behalf of the Ministry of Supply and they have restrained the up-trend. The United States has invited tenders for April 2 for 450 tons for thirty to sixty days shipment.

## LONDON GOLD

London, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET  
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Mar. 25, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.83	10.75	10.79	10.81	.02 up
New York Rubber, May	22.20	22.00	22.05b	22.20N	.15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	65 1/4	64 1/4	64 1/4	65 1/4	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.75	13.57	13.68b	13.72	.06 up

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COTTON				
May	10.79/79	10.75/75	10.81/81	.02 up
July	10.75/76	10.72/72	10.78/78	.01 up
October	10.66/66	10.62/62	10.64/64	.02 off
December	10.64 N	10.61/62	10.62 N	.02 off
January	10.63 N	10.59b/81a	10.61 N	.02 off
March	10.61/61	10.59/59	10.59/59	.02 off
Spot	11.09		11.11	.02 up

Total sales Monday—63,600 bales.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK RUBBER				
May	22.05b/10a	21.90b/22.25a	22.20 N	.15 up
July (New contract)	21.70/70	21.63/65	21.75/77	.05 up
September	21.15/15	21.15/15	21.25/25	.10 up
December	21.00/00	21.10 A	21.10 N	.10 up

Total sales for the day—50 tons.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	87 1/2/87 1/2	87 1/2/87 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2	1 up
July	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up
September	85 1/2/85 1/2		85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up

Monday's sales—9,617,000 bushels.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
CHICAGO CORN				
May	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up
July	65 1/2/65 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up
September	65 1/2/65 1/2		65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up

Total sales for the day—52 contracts.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COCOA				
May	7.15 N	7.16/17	7.04 N	.11 off

Volume of business done—57 lots.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3				
May	2.52b/53a		2.49b/51a	.03 off
July	2.54b/55a		2.52b/53a	.02 off

Volume of business done—412 lots.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4				
May	87b/88a		88b/88a	.01 up
July	91b/91a		91b/91a	unch.

Volume of business done—412 lots.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES				
July	11.85b/88a		11.83b/90a	.02 off
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.02-1/2		4.03-1/4	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE  
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, March 25.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	Price
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1962)	104-7/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Jantoon-K'loon Rly. 5%	11
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5 1/2% Gold Bonds 1925/47	40-44
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	24
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly. 5% 1913	12
Chai-N'King Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	5 1/2
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	7 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	15 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate Bank	1 1/8
S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	10
S'hai Waterworks "A"	11 1/2
Union Insurance	23
Ying-Kai-Rubbers Rubber	15 1/2
Long Mid. & Scot. Rly. 12 1/2	12 1/2
Great Western Rly.	23 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
S. S. & P. Co.	38 1/2
Bank of China	38 1/2
Bank of Communications	38 1/2
United Steel	20 1/2

The total value is \$9,236,000.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

There is a general all round enquiry for shares but scrip is scarce.

	Price
Union Ins., \$42 1/2	
H.K. Wharves, \$93 1/2	
Docks (O), \$16 1/2	
Doors (N), \$15 9/16	
Providents, \$5.20	
Hotels, \$3.10	
Lands, \$3.12	
Humphreys, \$6.70	
Realities, \$2.95	
Trams, \$16.30	
China Lights (O), \$4.20	
China Lights (N), \$1.4	
Watsons, \$11.10	
Entertainments, \$7	

SALES

Union Ins., \$430

China Lights (O), \$4 1/2

Electrics C. Rts., \$39.80/50

Cements, \$18

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, Mar. 26, 1941.

China Lights (Old) 405 \$6.20

China Providents 500 6.25

Humphreys 500 6.90

The total value is \$9,236,000.

## SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

Silver—Very little trade buying in the absence of offers. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet, with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-1/2d.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Mar. 25 (Reuters).

Market—Quiet. Offtake 150 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-05

April 22 Settlement 63-05

May 21 Settlement 63-08

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MARCH 26, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Mar. 25		Mar. 25
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Alis Chalmers	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	74	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. Can.	86	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	32 1/2	Montgomery Ward	38
Amer. & Foreign Power	3 1/2	M'tain City Copper Co.	3
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pf.	17	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	21
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	39 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	18 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	North American Co.	15
Anacosta Copper	24 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	25	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15	Pacific Gas & Elec	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	12
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	77	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	25
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd M'facturing Corp.	3 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	31	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Celanese	46 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	64 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	30 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3 1/2	Roadway Stores	39 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Cum. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	10
Continental Oil	18	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co	32 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	9	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	73 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	147 1/2	Studebaker Com.	18 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	83 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32 1/2	Technicolor	9
Elec. Autolite	25 1/2	Texas Corp.	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	3	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	59	Timken-Axle	30
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	67	Trans-America Co.	4
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34	20th Cent. Fox	6
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	66 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	77 1/2
Gen. Motors	43	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans	12 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11	United Corp.	11 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	25
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	United Gas Corp.	3 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	81	United Gas Improvement	8 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$3 pfd.	90 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2	U.S. Smelting	61 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	69 1/2	Vanadium	25 1/2
Homestake Mining	47	Valtee Aircraft	6 1/2
Int Nickel	26 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	2 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2
Johnsman	58 1/2	Woodward Iron Corp.	28
Kennecott Copper	33 1/2	Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	32 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	22 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	5 1/2



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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

\* HAKODATE MARU ... Monday, 31st Mar.

MATUMOTO MARU ... Thursday, 10th Apr.

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## Company Mtg. Reports

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and thoroughly investigated our facilities, methods and costs of handling cargo.

"All the information available was placed at his disposal and we trust that his report will be made public as early as possible and that Government will clarify the question of Pier Leases and set out their policy with regard to the future of the Port at an early date."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented.

### PROPOSAL SECONDED

In seconding the proposal, Mr. J. M. Alves said:-

"It must be apparent to all shareholders that the presentation of such a report in the present abnormal times is a matter for congratulation to all concerned, and I should like to express our appreciation to the Directors, Management and Staff for the successful results attained under what must have been very difficult conditions."

"The Chairman's reference to the depletion of staff by members proceeding on active service must have thrown much extra work on the shoulders of those necessarily retained in the wharf services, and I feel sure that shareholders will wholeheartedly agree with me in approving the Board's recommendation of Bonus to Staff, as allocated in the accounts."

**COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME**  
"I am very pleased to note that in spite of the uncertain times in which we live our Directors have taken a long view and proceeded with the essential development of our property in accordance with the sound and comprehensive scheme laid down in 1939."

"Nobody who travels across the harbour can fail to have noticed the rapidity with which our new construction has progressed, and one can now visualise the appearance which our wharf frontage will present in years to come when the building programme is completed, increasing thereby considerably the earning power of the Company."

**APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED**  
Proposed by Mr. Kwok Hin-wang and seconded by Mr. G. B. S. Thomson, the appointment to the Board of Directors of Messrs. T. B. Wilson, A. H. Veltman and L. J. Davies was then confirmed by the meeting.

Proposed by Mr. C. M. Hall and seconded by Mr. G. Castle, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. D. Drummond and Mr. A. H. Compton were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Proposed by Mr. J. Moodie and seconded by Mr. C. M. Hall, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Chartered Accountants, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants were re-elected Auditors.

### THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, in the Chair, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. A. H. Veltman, Mr. L. J. Kadoorie, Mr. A. H. Penn and Mr. L. J. Davies, Directors, Major C. M. Manners, Secretary and Manager, and Messrs. A. M. Alves, Kwok Hin-wang, G. B. S. Thomson, C. M. Hall, G. Castle, J. Moodie and G. V. T. Marshall, Shareholders.

## RECORD BRITISH EXPENDITURE

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter) — Britain's expenditure reached a new high record last week.

During the week on Mar. 22 the total ordinary expenditure amounted to £102,699,000,000 or over £14,671,000,000 daily.

Total ordinary revenue is only slightly over £3,500,000 below the estimate for the financial year with nine more days to run and the estimate is thus certain to be exceeded.

## SHARP FIGHTING IN ALBANIA

### Wop Attacks Smashed With Heavy Losses

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter) — The repulse of two Italian attacks in the central sector of the Albanian front on Tuesday was announced on the Athens wireless last night. On Tuesday one attack made at dawn in the district round Apso and Hoos Rivers was defeated after sharp fighting. The second attack, launched in the morning after a long artillery preparation, was also smashed despite desperate attacks by waves of Italians whose losses, particularly killed, were very heavy while a considerable number of prisoners were taken.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
ATHENS, Mar. 26 (Reuter) — The Greeks yesterday in every village, town and at every point of the battle-front celebrated the 121st anniversary of national independence in an atmosphere of exaltation worthy of Lord Byron's pen. While Yugoslavia, for whom in 1914 Greece waived her neutrality, was trading her independence to Hitler at Vienna, great patriotic crowds lined the streets

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

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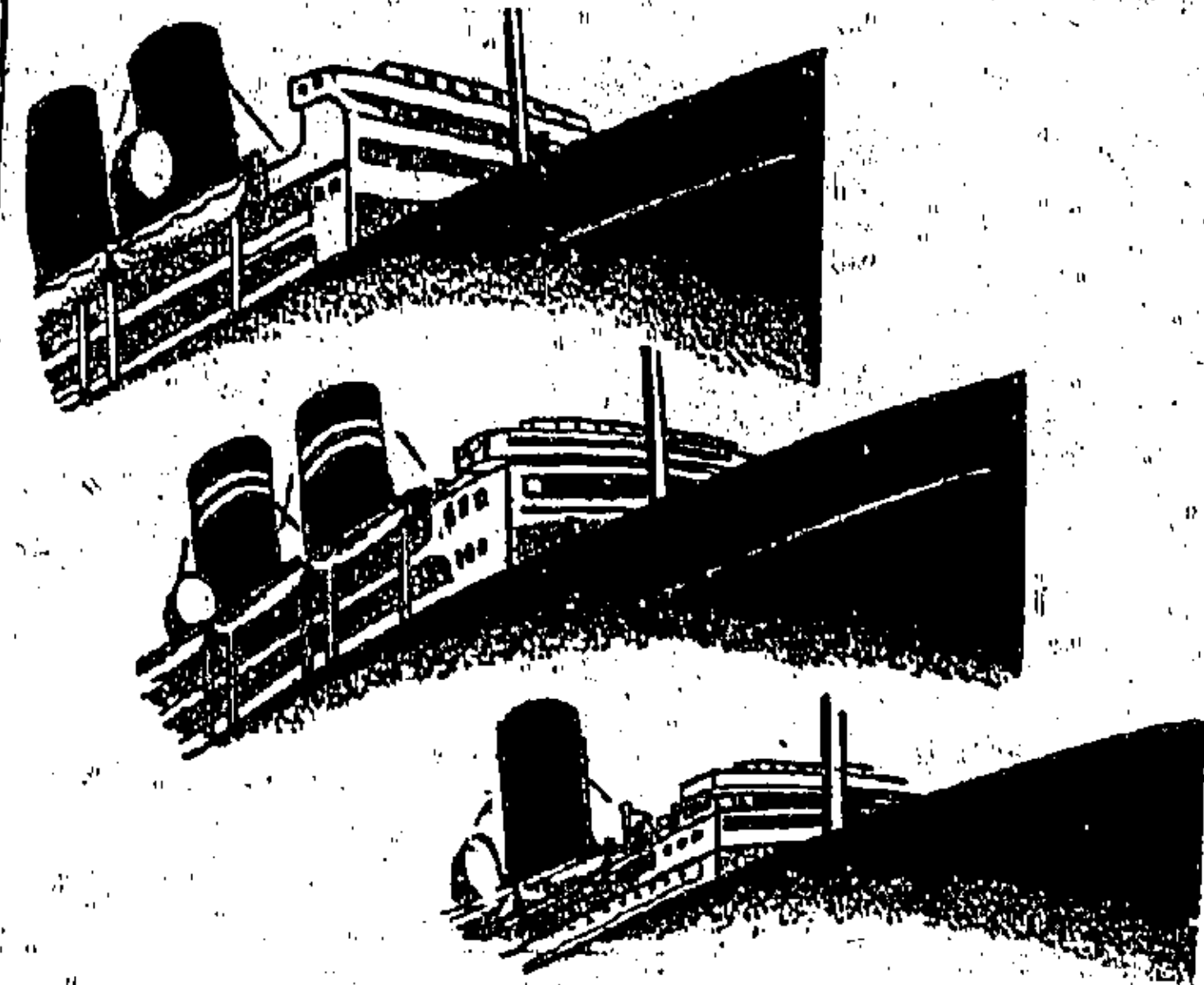
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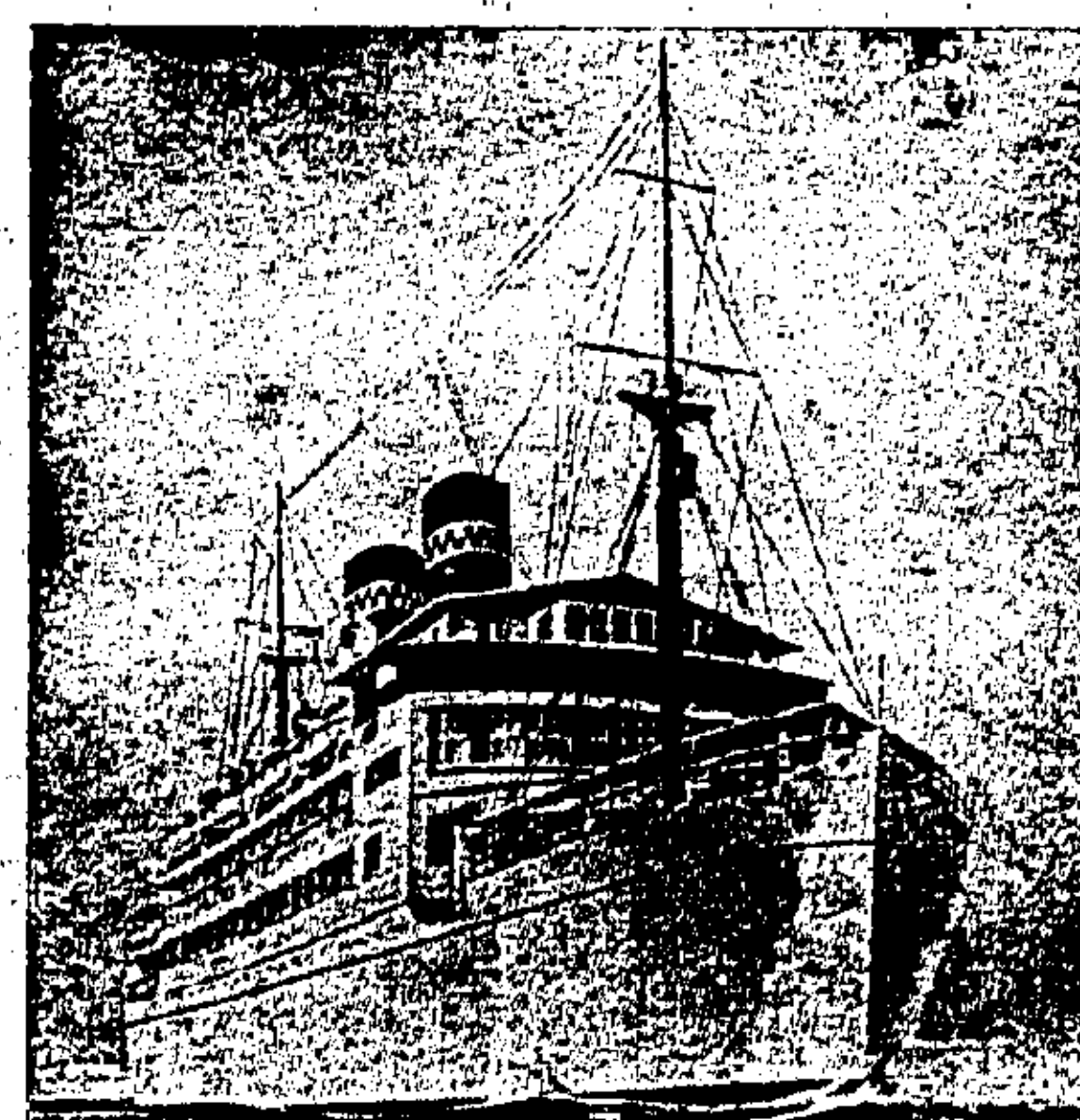
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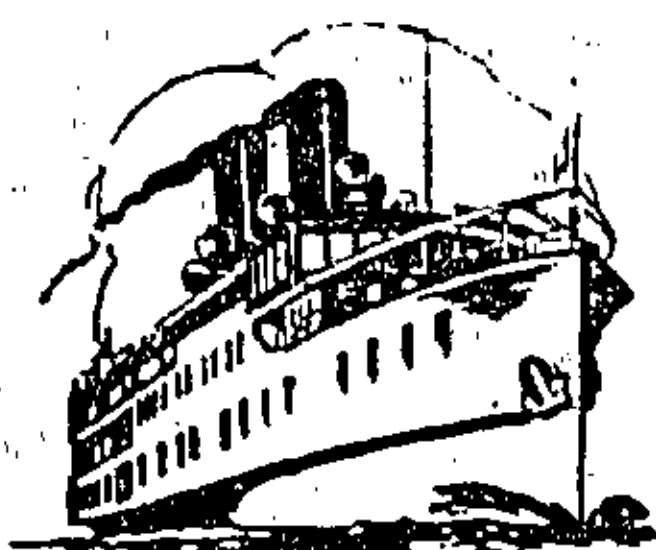
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# VERY GRAVE DEPARTURE FROM REQUIREMENTS OF AGREEMENT

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by Government and employed by me.

## WHY GOVERNMENT?

What I want to get at is why Government should come into it at all in relation to your agency. Why should your shroffs be secured to the satisfaction of Government?—In case I have to handle Government money.

You contemplated handling Government money?—No, I did not.

But you contemplated the possibility?—I might have received instructions but I do not know.

From whom?—From anybody. I regard Mr. Forrest as my superior officer.

Did you ever suggest to Mr. Forrest or your solicitors that a clause providing for security should be embodied in the agreement?—I don't know if I have suggested it, but I have added something which I thought were improvements to Mr. Forrest's department.

But didn't that strike you as a wise provision to make?—I did not think so.

## SECURITY CLAUSE

You were able to give security and would it not have been better to have a clause regarding security?—I didn't think of it at the time.

But you thought of it before and after that time?—Yes, but when I had the contract in my hand I thought I was under the control of the Immigration officer.

But that contract was only between you and Mr. Forrest. Did it not occur to you to have such a clause in?—I did not think it was necessary.

Mr. Kobza was then asked when he opened the banking account, stipulated in the contract, and which, under Clause 14 of the agreement, could only be drawn on by cheques countersigned by an auditor. He replied that he was not sure but that he thought Feb. 11 or 12. The auditors he suggested to Mr. Forrest were Messrs. Linstead and Davis. Although he made the suggestion verbally, Mr. Forrest signified his agreement to the proposal in writing.

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an approved auditor. You said that your cheques were countersigned by your secretary—a person in your employ. Is this not a very grave variation of the agreement?—I didn't think of the agreement.

Do you agree that it is a very grave departure from the requirements of this agreement?—I did not consider it as such at the time.

Do you agree now?—Yes.

You have also mentioned about security and yet in the next breath you told of the complete disregard of this vital clause in the agreement?—I didn't know much about accounting.

In that case the position is worse, isn't it?—I did not regard myself as doing anything wrong as long as my superior officer knows about it. I did not do anything without referring to Mr. Forrest.

Referring to the matter of the auditor, Sir Atholl asked whether Mr. Kobza did not consider the matter one of urgency as he was then taking photographs at the rate of 2,000 per day, to which Mr. Kobza was heard to reply that the money taken in was all his.

NOT YET APPROACHED  
Chairman: The agreement was signed on Jan. 22 and today is Mar. 26. You say that you have not yet approached any other firm of auditors?—I did not think it was so urgent.

We know that in February you had apparently given up the idea of getting a firm of auditors because your specimen signature cards at the Bank bears the signature of your secretary. Is that right?—That was with the consent of the Immigration Officer, but I had made arrangements for an auditor.

With whom?—I have already given you the name.

But he is only an accountant. Did you arrange with an auditor?—No.

Can you suggest why you didn't have this variation of your agreement in writing as you did with the other variations?—I did not have the other variations in writing either.

But this endorsement at the back of page one bears your signature. Did you sign it?—Yes, but it did not come from me.

What do you mean, Deacons were your solicitors?—Yes.

The agreement was drawn by them on your instructions?—Yes.

How then did these variations come to be endorsed on the first sheet of the agreement? It was endorsed in the offices of Deacons?—No. The signature was not done in Deacons.

NOT WRITTEN  
Mr. Kobza, what I am suggesting is this: where the variations affect a change which is very greatly to your advantage we find them endorsed on the agreement, but where the variation which gets rid of the only measure of financial control which that agreement provides there is no written variation. Did you consult your solicitors about it?—I did not. I did not regard this as a variation. I regard it as instructions.

Instructions to do what?—To ignore the terms of the agreement?—No. I did not ask for anything in writing. I would accept any orders given verbally.

After further questioning on this variation in the agreement, Mr. Kobza was asked by the Chairman whether he was prepared to give security at the present moment, and, if so, who were the persons he would offer. On Mr. Kobza writing down two names on a piece of paper, Sir Atholl asked whether those were the same persons whom he thought of tendering at the beginning, that is, on Feb. 27.

Mr. Kobza's reply was in the negative.

REPUTATION DAMAGED  
Chairman: Has the position been changed?—No, but I don't like to approach any more persons in connexion with this business as I feel that my reputation has been very badly damaged.

Mr. Woo: Mr. Kobza, are you required to do any duties other than those set out in this agreement?—Any orders which Mr. Forrest chooses to give me I have to obey.

What are those orders?—I don't know, Sir.

Were you authorised to issue temporary permits?—Yes.

Were you authorised in writing?—Yes, we have received communications both in English and Chinese from the Immigration Officer to the effect that temporary permit forms should be submitted to him for approval.

THE ONLY CHARGE  
Asked whether any charge was made for these permits Mr. Kobza

said that the only charge was for the two photographs which must be affixed on the permit and butt, respectively.

Mr. Kobza agreed that he was also authorised to apply, on behalf of depositors, for the return of deposits and that he could do the work—that is, obtain repayment—within one or two days.

Asked to point out any provision in the Ordinance which mentions the issuance of temporary permits, Mr. Kobza stated that he has not seen the Ordinance. When told that the Ordinance never contemplated, nor provided for, these temporary permits, Mr. Kobza stated that they were issued by him. With these documents a person may re-enter Hongkong without paying any deposit.

Replying to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Kobza said that the first time he saw the draft of the agreement was when it was in Mr. Forrest's typewriter, and that he did not accept the draft in all respects but suggested several alterations.

SECRETARY APPROVED  
Mr. Forrest approved by his secretary in writing, and that he had been told by the Immigration Officer that the reason why he wished him (Mr. Kobza) to have a secretary of his choice and nomination was because Mr. Forrest told him that the former could trust her and would be satisfied that there would be proper supervision.

He agreed with Mr. Forrest that pressure of work on both parts and the difficulty of arranging meetings have led to the postponement of the engagement of an auditor.

Miss Lam, called by Mr. Forrest to give evidence, read from a prepared statement in which she said that she knew Mr. Forrest in 1937 when they met at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. They became good friends, and when she was in hospital in 1939 he often visited her.

When agencies were permitted, went on Miss Lam, she asked Mr. Forrest whether she might start an agency to which request Mr. Forrest acceded. He helped her with advice, but showed her no particular favours insofar as applications for permits were concerned. Her two sisters were also working in the Immigration Office.

EVIDENCE IN CAMERA  
In adjourning the inquiry, the Chairman announced that the Commission would take evidence in camera from Mrs. Ratner and Mr. W. R. Scott, of the Special Branch, on staff matters.

The public sitting will be resumed at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 10 a.m. today.

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NEAR SHANGKAO

Heavy Losses Suffered In Sanguinary Fighting

SIU-SHUI, March 26 (Central).—Taking advantage of a heavy storm on March 23 which immobilised Japanese motorised units and aircraft, the Chinese launched a wide encirclement around the Japanese columns attacking Shangkaio. Violent fighting immediately developed.

In order to relieve their beleaguered units, 38 Japanese planes yesterday afternoon flew over the fighting zone and dropped parcels of foodstuffs and ammunition into Japanese positions. Despite the desperate struggle put up by the Japanese, the Chinese continued to press forward. Afraid of being completely trapped, part of the Japanese escaped the Chinese ring and fled to the northeast of Shangkaio.

While sanguinary fighting is still raging at Szeki, Kuankiao and other points southeast of Shangkaio, the main Japanese force has dispersed and effectively checked. Owing to heavy casualties suffered during the fighting in the past few days, the Japanese are reported to have begun a general retreat in the direction of Nanchang since yesterday evening.

JAPANESE VANDALISM  
LOYANG, Mar. 26 (Central).—A trail of vandalism was left by the Japanese in the Lingchuan area, southeast Shansi, when they were recently driven out of the city. Fleeing in the direction of Changchih and Changtze, north of Lingchuan, the Japanese indulged in an orgy of indiscriminate killing, incendiarism and looting.

In addition to having burned down many houses, they seized and took away more than 700 head of cattle, mainly oxen and mules.

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	<b>K.P.O.</b>
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	<b>G.P.O.</b>
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
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	Ord. 1st, 8.30 AM
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
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